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Chatham, Evq., and Mrs. Chatham, of Shang-On August 20, 1907, at Tientsin, JOHN DOUGLAS ROSS, mate of the lightship Taku, born October 25, 1855.

On August 30, 1927, at Shanghai, ALBERT E. TURNER, aged 42 years. At the Government Civil Hospital, Hongkong, on 3rd September, 1907, at 11.45 p.m., ERIC ERSKINE PITTAR-ERSKINE.

On September, 5th, at Shanghai, NUSSER-Phirozsha B. Petit & Co., aged 45 years. Deeply regretted.

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THE SUBSIDIARY COINAGE --COMMISSIONT

(318t August,)

Pending the official publication of the the question of the subsidiary coinage of Pongkong, we have refrained for reasons, which will be readily, understood, from commenting on the grounds which the Com-

mittee will have to cover in pursuance of coinage of the Colony finds itself at present struggle. That Japanese com mulate programmes which would menace their instructions under the terms of the Commission. In yesterday's issue of the Government Gazette, the notice of the appointment of the Committee appears, and from it we learn that the Committee will. be constituted as follows:-The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, the Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Messrs. J. Armstrong, D. R. Law, A. J. Raymond, R. Shewan, J. R. M. Smith, and A. G. Wood, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. M. Thomson, the Colonial Treasurer. When the elaborate correspondence which passed between our late Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, and the Colonial Office appeared, on the subject of the subsidiary coins of Hongkong, we observed that we could see no reason why the commercial community of Hongkong should have any serious grievance against the Government for the prevailing condition of the currency market; and we suggested that, not being financiers themselves, in the proper sense of the term, the administrative body could merely seek to obtain the most practical counsels available on the spot to guide them in any action the authorities which the States could produce, Government might propose to adopt to bring about measures, which would "secure the rehabilitation of Hongkong's subsidiary coins. As most people in Honglong knewlong before now, the Government had sought the views of the Hongkong General. Chamber of Commerce on the subject. Sir Matthew Nathan had been in communication with the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the local manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and the representative of the Mercantile Bank of India. I.d., on the same question. The subsequent action taken by the Government in returning to the melting pot a large sum of accumulated subsidiary coins from the vaults of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and the scheme of redemption which has been in operation for some months past, was the outcome of deliberations with the joint body of the commercial representatives of Hongkong and of the leading bankers of the Colony." The constitution of the present Committee includes among others Mr. Wei Yek, Mr. J. Armstrong and Mr. J. R. M. Smith. The hon. Chinese member of the Legislative Council is, as everybody knows, the compradore of the Mercantile Bank of India. It is no unfair assumption when we take it for granted that in the consideration of the subsidiary coinage question, which is so intimately connected with the retail trade in which a large proportion of Chinese merchants in Hongkong and Canton are engaged. Mr. Ormiston, the manager of the Bank in question, had frequent occasion to consult the principal of his Chinese department. Mr. J. Armstrong succeeds Mr. T. P. Cochrane in the local management of the Chartered Bank and it is cert in that as manager pro tem, he is unwhich is in accordance with the expressed inopportune time, for it will certainly mean the carriage of freight owing to the appre- ation of a "squadron" according to British Hongkong College of Medicine, in producing likely to follow any other course than one views of his absent chief. Mr. J. R. M. that steamship, owners will be still further ciation in the cost of coal, and an ever-ex- ideas. But that notwithstanding, the fact year licentiates qualified to practise Smith is the Chief Manager of the leading embarrassed in their efforts to contend tending competition among the shipping remains that Hongkong will, in a measure banking institution, and it was upon whose against the strenuous competition which is concerns, it is difficult to judge whether the advice, we may take it, that Sir Matthew one of the most: noteworthy signs of the shipper or the company will in the end be Nathan largely depended for the construction of his plans as evidenced in the policy | causes which have led the English collieries of the Government. Mr. D. R. Law, of to demand higher rates for their product, or Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, is one of the story that the increase in wages is the prominent members of the Committee of due, to the scarcity of miners. What the Chamber of Commerce, which express- we are concerned about is the probable ed the views of the Chamber to the Gover- | effect this enhanced rate in coal quotations nor, and so also are Mr. A. J. Raymond, will have on the shipping of the Far East, of the firm of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & and of Hongkong in particular. Since the Co. and Mr. A. G. Wood of Messrs Gibb, LJapanese mercantile fleet was augmented Livingston & Co. So that, excluding the by the return of the vessels which chairman, we are in a position to draw our [subsidised by the Government of Japan, own deductions as to what will be the general and were withdrawn from the commertrend of the recommendations : proposed | cial service during the war, there has been On August 14, 1907, at Shanghai, Chemulpo, by three-fourths of the Committee as the a continuous effort on the part of the Japanresult of the present inquiry. It could ese shipowners, backed by the Government, that British prestige and power, as embodied has passed, and that with the approach of hardly be assumed that they will stultify to monopolise the coasting trade in Eastern themselves so far as to suggest at this date | waters from Vladivostok to Singapore and | constructor's art which lay at anchorage | epidemic is practically at an end. It should | any very radical recommendations for the to do so by every means in their power. An throughout the winter months in Hougkong, be observed that the city of Victoria in prointroduction of reforms in a matter which attempt was made to capture the Yangtse should be weakened by the absence of the portion to its inhabitants has been comparadaily round of commercial life. There shipping ring, but that has not turned out was useless, however, to attempt to go be districts which seem to have been most remain the Hon. Mr. Edward Osborne, the altogether successful. Again, it was sought hind the decision of the Naval authorities, affected have been on the mainland, and at secretary of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., and Mr. Robert Shewan, who is identified with very many large and important local enterprises and other commercial undertakings. Both of practically a failure. Intent upon their ori- majority of people resigned themselves to the al measures to overcome the difficulties coasting fleet, which meant, of course, that kong, the appearance of the emasculated On September ', 1307, at Shanghai, HELEN | the Provincial Mint of Canton. It is just | gauntlet to the N.D.L. Whether that scheme and gunboats which condescended to visit Mr. Sorabjee Dhunjeebhoy Setna, Manager, of the Committee, as we have endea- absorption of the Scottish Oriental line is States and Japanese Governments are

the present time; yet it is curious papies will experience the least inconvenience to note that amid the multitude counsellors the Government has not yet found one whose wisdom was calculated to solve the difficulty of the situation. We can thus foresee the almost unsurmountable obstacles which face the Committee in ara riving at any conclusion as the result of their inquiry. Without necessary and valuable statistics, without the help of practical evidence, without so much as the possibility of a correct estimate of the course of trade, the recommendations which the Committee will eventually evolve out of their investigations cannot amount to more than a series of ten ative efforts to secure the rehabilitation of our coinage in the interests of Hongkong. That the question of the reforming of the currency system of any community cannot be dismissed in an off-hand fashion the in sympathy with the demand for the pre- to be amicably adjusted. That being so, the rule. Water can be sterilized as efficiently experience of the Philippines will prove. The Philippine Currency Commission, appointed by the United States Government, stand or take advantage of the situation. dron is barred by no obstacle, and by this portion of alcohol are sterile. Aerated waters, was undoubtedly composed of the best Australian coal might possibly obtain a real time next year the American fleet on the West if purchased from trustworthy manufactories, and yet Mr. Conant's scheme, excellent as it seemed at a first glance, cost the Philippine Covernment a handsome sum_in_order to redeem the original Conant dollar in order to substitute for it one that contained a larger amount of alloy, as a result of the appreciation of the silvervalue of the dollar. And yet none will dispute the fact that the materials seas markets. About two years ago, a the Philippines will be transferred to at the services of the members gave them the opportunity of adjudging the future course of events. Similarly, Sir I avid Barbour's Commission, in Singapore, was almost led into error when the value of the dollar approximated the sterling price placed by the Straits Government at 25. 4d baser in value has been substituted for it. the best financial minds of the day of two great financial and commercial-nations complications, which they could not possibly have anticipated. Without minimis- Territories are endowed with a superfluity presence of the American squadron. Right ing the value of the labours of the gentle. of coal seams the outlook for Hongkong on top of that, we learn that Japan has decumstances which affect not alone the interimportant and adjacent city of Canton.

ANOTHER HANDICAP FOR SHIPPING .COMPANIES.

(2nd September.) The announcement that coal has advanc-

ed in price simultaneously with an increase times. We are not concerned with the the most hardly used. has been fully considered by them in the trade for the vessels belonging to a Japanese principal fighting units of the Navy. It to oust the Norddeutscher Lloyd from the especially in view of the sound and sub-Bangkok-Swatow-Hongkong route, but it was stantial reasons which were advanced in admitted at the annual meeting of the Nip support of the reduction in the strength of pon Yusen Kaisha that the effort had proved the Far Bastern Fleet; and, no doubt, the these gentlemen, have, by virtue of their ginal design to obtain a share of the lucra- situation. Nevertheless, it must be allowed position, already made representations to live Siamese traffic, it was decided by the that, after the imposing and impressive the Government on the subject of sub- premier shipping concern of 'apan to make aspect of the fleet when in its palmy days distant points the daily statement would sidiary coins and have proposed remedi. Singapore the headquarters of the southern, it assembled in the harbour of Hongcreated and the competition, particularly, of they were prepared to throw down the squadron consisting of a few cruisers possible that they have exhausted the argu- has been set in operation so far does not the port was not calculated to inspire the ments in savour of their schemes to enhance appear, but that the German company are British onlooker with those high ideas of the value of the local subsidiary currency, not blind to their own interests or inclined Britain's naval supremacy which the Navy in any event they stand in a to surrender a single jota of the advantages League so, sedulously seeks to inculcate. mon to learn that days have elapsed between minority of one fourth to the others which accrued to them as the result of their But if the declared intentions of the United voured to show. The present Committee is manifest by the fact that two-vessels special- actually carried into effect, it is probable relax in the slightest degree their vigilance not armed with the extensive powers which by designed for the requirements of the that the importance of Hongkong as are possessed by a Commission appointed Singapore Bangkok run are now in course of naval station may return again, and the harunder the statutory authority vested in the construction in Singapore to the order bour assume its former aspect of a floating Governor. It will not be within the pro- of the N. D. L. That signifies that arsenal. It has been known for some time. vince of the Committee to compel unwilling the gauntlet has been taken up and that the United States Government intended witnesses to attend and present their evidence the gage accepted. While the spirit of to reinforce the Pacific Fleet by the addition at the inquiry. And as far as statistics are competition is admirable in its way and of several first class battleships and cruisers, available, there is no authority for the Com- productive of the most satisfactory con- which would protect the interests of the portions that for the safety of the Colony's mittee to demand the production from the ditions for the shipper, it cannot continue Republic on what is believed will be the health it has been deemed advisable to If an offence had been committed, it was ex-Government archives of documents which for ever, and in the end it is the shipper greatest waterway in the world, certainly place under the quarantine laws those establish the number of coins issued who has to bear the brunt of the fight for one of the busiest when the Panama vessels which arrive from Shanghai. within the Colony since the inception of this supremacy. But in tackling the N. D. L. Canal is opened. The idea was apparently to If only Shanghai were concerned once profitable trade. In those circumstances, the N. Y. K. have found themselves engaged strengthen the Pacific squadron this, year, danger of infection would not be so im-

from the increased cost of English coalis not to be believed. While Japanese coal is decidedly. inferior to the Cardiff product it satisfies the needs of an economical people, and the recent Imperial order which, it has been stated, is now in operation prohibiting the exportation of coal from Japan

will prevent vessels flying the flags of other nations from turning to the cheaper article in order to reduce working expenses. Of lieved to recognise its responsibility as becourse that order is only another instance of | tween the State and the public that stirred Japan's solicitude for her mercantile marine. | up the animus on both sides and threatened It may be said that the mines of Acheen, I to land two friendly nations in the throes of through the port of Sabang, may supply coal war. The very virulence of their passion. at a rate which will compare favourably with | however, had its effect in bringing the the prevailing prices charged for the Japanese | hasty-minded to a realisation of variety, but the invariable tendency is for gravity of the position, and now it would the cost of industrial products to rise or fall seem that the difficulties are likely mier class, and it is scarcely probable that original intention of the United States the Sumatran collieries will fail to under- Government to augment the Pacific squadustry, are so busily engaged in discussing | that the squadron shall be concentrated at | questions affecting the parish pump and the ports of California. San Francisco may searching the dictionary for epithets of be the headquarters, but component parts reproach to hurl at their political op- will be sent to the Philippines and China, ponents, that they have little or no time for according to a Washington despatch the to devote to the extension of their over- torpedo boat destroyers now stationed in prospecting party was despatched into the Japanese waters and constitute America's New Territories to discover whether there representation in those waters. At the same was any truth in the reports that minerals in | time, a new South China squadron will be abundance-and in paying quantities--- | constituted. The Navy Department, we are could be found there. The character of the told, is now busy preparing for the organizatheir return may be guaged from the fact the South China and Philippine zones. nd it is common knowledge that the fine | that application was made for a mining lease is understood that this organization will ness of Straits dollars has since been reduced | covering a square mile, of territory in the comprise some of the best vessels in the from that originally adopted, and a coin Shatin district, and it was granted by the Navy and will present a very formid-Government to Sir Paul Chater in January able fighting force in the Asiatic waters, Here, then, we have two instances where last. The prospectors, it was reported, From that we may take it that Hongkoug have been led astray by unexpected Where there is iron there is usually coal, and the port sustained by the withdrawal of the if it should be discovered that the New British battleships will be balanced by the Committee on behalf of the Colony, we His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard takes terests in South China by the formation of a doubt very much whether even in their own his next jaunt across the mainland he may squadron which is to be stationed at Hongscheme which will extricate us from the to the mining possibilities of the New ron is the outcome of the Franco-Japanese difficulties of the situation created by cir- Territories: There is the further po- Agreement, as the result of which the Japanests of Hongkong but also those of the Borneo to prospect for gold, tin, silver, and flourishing trade with Indo-China. The of 5 per cent, in wages comes at an extremely | Conference line, an increase in the cost of tons, which is scarcely entitled to the design- nently successful labours of the Court of the

> HONGKONG THE INTERNA-TIONAL NAVAL STATION.

(3rd September.) When the Admiralty decided to withward in expressing their dismay at an arrange-

of the ocean which was to bear the pride of America's first defence. Curiously enough the "yellow" Press, properly so called, were not the chief agents on this occasion in en deavouring to inflame the minds of the people against the action of San Francisco, in its a leged ill-treatment of the Japanese immigrants and school children. It was that section of the Press which is generally bereport which the engineers submitted on I tion of this new squadron, which is to lie in sibility that the expedition now in ese hope to foster and develop a great lead, oil, iron and coal may return with squadron will, according to the Jiji, be in nese Isolation Hospital have recovered. cheerful tidings regarding the presence addition to that which is at present stationed of the last-named mineral. In that event at Shanghai, but whether that means the the Japanese prohibition might be regarded | Hongkong squadron will be of the same size with equanimity and even enjoyment, and as that at Shanghai is not stated. The rethe prospect of high charges would be dis- presentatives of Japan's naval power at pelled. As it is, with a surcharge of ten per Shanghai are two in number, the Akitsuecent, on passenger fares to Europe by the shima, of 3, 150 tons, and the Fushimi of 180 come into its own again, and the port justily for Great Britain, but for our kinsmen of America and our allies of Japan.

CHOLERA IN SHANGIIAL

(4th September.)

As the result of the precautions, adopted draw the British squadron of battleships by the Sanitary Department to prevent the from the China Station the large community' spread of disease in Hongkong there has of dealers and compradores in Hongkong been a perceptible decrease in the number who benefited by the periodical visits of the of plague cases reported in the Colony since ships and sailors were by no means back the beginning of the year. Up to the present time the total number does not exceed ment which affected them financially. The | 225, and we may take it for granted that the disinterested section of the Colony regretted worst period for the propagation of the pest in the magnificent examples of the naval the cool season the risk of anything like an isolaled villages in the New Territories were to be ravaged by plague, but, fortunately, the active measures of the Sanitary officials effectively checked the dissemination of disease, and were it not for the few sporadic cases which are reported from widely these cases originated in the Colony is another question. It is quite probable that the patients came from Swatow or Canton, only made their presence manifest in Hongkong. At all events it is not now uncom-While the Sanitary officials cannot afford to faced with an additional duty in guarding against an outbreak of cholers. In yesterday's issue we stated that Shanghai had been declared an infected port which means that the number of cholera cases reported in the Northern Settlement has reached such promust be held as valueless for the purposes creased cost of English coal is calculated to perty there was, at the time, an unfortunate Singapore and it is just possible that Bangof this Commission of Inquiry. As to general, have its most marked effect on those shipping misunderstanding between the States and kok and Salgon may furnish ground for the evidence, we have been inundated with pro- companies which being without greatfinancial Japan regarding the rights of Japanese sub- growth of the disease. In any event, the two His Excellency the Governor, to consider posses by both practical and theoretical resources or minus the substantial aid of a jects in the Western States. Alarmirts im principal ports with which Hongkong comes "experts." Each and every one has ad paternal Government are at present carrying mediately saw in the projected plan a dist into daily contact it have each been vanced a theory and a scheme which were on a sort of guerilla warfare in the hope that tinct and overt act of defiance to Japanese overtaken by cholera, which although it to put an end, once and for all, to the anomar at a later date they may participate in the relous position in which the subsidiary turns which will compensate them for their America and Japan were not slow to for nevertheless causing the utmost anxiety to

the residents of Shanghai and Singapore It behaves the sanitary staff of Hongkong to do their utmost to prevent the incursion of the disease into this Colony, and it is the duty · f every citizen to second the efforts of the Department in keeping their houses clean, pure and healthy. In Shanghai the Municipal authorities have issued a notification warning the community of the presence of the disease. And a paragraph on the subject which appears in the N. U. Daily News may not be without interest to Hongkong residents at the present juncture. It reads: Among the general public there seems to be some misapprehension as to what "sterilized? means. To sterilize, in the sense in which the phrase 's used by Dr. Stanley, means to render free from germs, and although in many cases the only safe way to do this is by boiling, there are some exceptions to this by the Berkefeld filter as by boiling. Whisky and other spirits containing a similar profooting in the Far East, but the Australian | coast will boast some of the finest vessels of are sufficiently sterilized by the distillation people in the coal trade, as in the flour in- | Uncle Sam's Navy. But it is not intended | or filtering to which they have been subjected prior to bottling. But most foods are rendered safe by boiling, and this particularly applies to milk and to fruit at the present season. To acquaint the Chinese with elementary precautions which should be taken during the prevalence of the cholera epidemic the Health Office has been sending round men armed with bells, pamphlets and lusty voices. The bell attracts a crowd. The voice is then used to explain the contents of the pamphlet, and finally the pamphlets. which are printed in easy colloquial Chinese, are distributed. The following is a translation of this, pamphlet: "Cholera being prevalent, the Chinese community are requested to observe carefully, the rules of the Public Health notice, a copy of which can be obtained on application at the Health Office. Attention is particularly called to the rules. found rich deposits of magnetite iron of the will form the base for the South China regarding food. Take all food and drink very best class for the manufacture of steel. | squadron and thus part of the loss which | hot, or recently cooked. Avoid iced and cold drinks and stick to tea. Avoid all fresh fruit, especially cut fruit which has been touched by flies. Flies carry cholera. Cases of cholera will be received into the men who have undertaken to act on the should be highly promising. Perhaps when | cided that she also intends to guard her in- Isolation Hospital for Chinese in Range Road." The same rules are equally applicable to the foreign community, and, in minds they feel that they can produce a be induced to devote some attention kong. It is announced that the new squad. particular, ice should never be mixed with drinks, as freezing does not kill cholera bacilli. It is satisfactory to learn, concludes our contemporary, that over fifty per cent. of the cases of cholera treated at the Chi-

HONGKONG COLLEGE OF MBDICIAE, A GARLE WAS AND MAINTENESS

(5th September.)

It was only last week that we commended in these columns the unosteptations but emidemand for students who have, passed the course of studies prescribed by the curriculum. its reputation as a naval station, not merely of the College is, however, not restricted to the limits of Hongkong and the New Territories; their services are recognised and are wanted in Borneo and in the Federated Majay States. A most recent case which has brought the qualifications of the practitioners from the local medical educational instifution into prominence has just reached us from the sister colony of Singapore. It deserves rather more prominence that might otherwise be claimed for it from the fact that, according to the future programme of the institution, it will be the intention of the Council to enlarge upon the present scope of the College when its habitat, for the construction of which a Chinese gentleman has generously offered the very liberal donation of \$50,000, is completed. The case to which we allude is that in Captain W. Dawson, master of the s.s. Hong Wan, was summoned before Mr. Michell, the Senior Magistrate, at Singapore, on the 29th ult., at the instigation of Dr. McDowell, the Principal Civil Medical Officer, for having an unqualified medical practitioner on board his vessel when carrying more than twenty immigrants on the 28th August. Mr. P. J. proule, the Deputy Public Prosecutor, was present as a friend, of the Court and did not appear on behalf of the medical authorities. According to the report in the Singapore Free Press Mr. Elliot said he appeared for Captain Dawson. It was simply a point as to whether Captain Dawson had on board a person qualified under the Chinese Immigration Ordinance. Captain Dawson had engaged in Hongkong Dr. McClosky, who used to be known in the Straits. The Doctor got an advance of \$75 and had not turned up. Since his arrival in Singapore, the Captain had received a letter from Dr. Mc-Closky saying he was ill and had not been able to turn up. The Captain had to get some one carrying with them the plague germs which to take his place and got Dr. Kong, who had a licence from the Hongkong College of Medicine, and had practised in Hongkong. Captain, awson, or the agents, bad to pay this man the sum of \$600 to simply go to Singapore in order that the ship should not be delayed. Theonly legal point was the qualification of a medical practitioner. The summons was only taken out at the instigation of Dr. McDowell and his contentions were against his (counsel's). Dr. McDowell's contention was that only the diplomas approved of by the Governor in Council casbled persons to become medical practitioners. Mr. Sproule and he (counsel) had looked up the Government Gazette. It seemed to him that Dr. Kong was a qualified medical practitioner as he held a diploma in Hongkong. out against Captain Dawson under the circumstances. They had to pay this man \$600 and would have to send him back to Hongkong. All the trouble was simply because a once prominione trade. In those chemical with a colossus armed capa-pie. The interproposal became public prothe steamship company represented by Capt. Dawson they had in the Deputy Public Prosecutor a man who was not bound by red tape. He said that as a friend of the Court. he was entirely in agreement with Mr. Elliot,

but perhaps the Ordinance of 1907

up North would do if a doctor died there. In his opinion Dr. McDowell senmed to be excelling himself in making restrictions upon the trade of the port. Even if they had the Prealdent of the Royal College of Surgeons on board, he would not, in the view of Dr. Mc-Dowell, be a qualified medical practitioner because he was not registered in Singapore Mr. Sproule pointed out that, according to the Ordinance, nny-ship's-surgeon-in-the discharge of, his duties was regarded as member of the local medical profession and he urged that no offence had been committed. In answer to the Court, Dr. Gibbs, acting Fort Health Officer, said he wished to go on with the case. Mr. Sproule remarked that perhaps Dr. Gibbs had received orders to go on with the case but he would take the responsibility and ask the Court to throw the case out. I ltimately, the presiding Magistrate discharged Capt. Dawson. It i thus due to the master of the Hong Wan that by a definite ruling of the Court in the Straits Settlements the diplomas issued by the Hongkong College of Medicine will be recognized as valid in case any of its licentiates elect to ship as emigrant doctors on board the numerous steamers engaged in the lucrative passenger traffic trading between Hongkong, the Coast Ports and the Straits Settlements. The magisterial ruling is a decidedly valuable

JAPAN'S GOLD COINS.

The Osaka Mainichi's article on the gold currency of Japan, reproduced in our columns last week, has promptly evoked criticism, as it was certain to do, in the columns of the Japan Chronicle in which has finally decided to retire.

a translation of the article from the Sir Robert has been suffering vernacular journal originally appeared. explanation of the exodus of the gold coins from Japan, the writer cited the alleged investigations made by the Yokohama Specie Bank which were said to show that it is the custom in South China for rooms to be decorated with gold bullion during the New Year holidays. "Without this ornament," the writer would have his readers to seriously entertain the fiction that "the magnificence of a rich mansion and the dignity of a high family cannot be complete. For this purpose, rich people emulate each other in collecting gold before January. Formerly the gold for this purpose used to be supplied from Manchuria, any deficit being made good by importing the metal from Australia and America. Political changes which have taken place in Manchuria since the Japan-China War have cut off the supply, and Australia and America became the only source of supply. Seeing that a gold standard was adopted in Japan, and gold bullion was largely imported by Japan, the clever Chinese decided to take the supply needed from Japan with less expense, with the result above mentioned." That such a preposterous statement should be animadverted upon, any one having the most elementary knowledge of Chinese social customs in South China will be only too ready to admit. "Gold-seeker." takes to task the statement of the "clever Chinese," decorating their drawing rooms with Japanese gold coins, an explanation which the correspondent describes, as certainly "very ingenious," but the theory is admittedly very unsatisfactory. "Gold seeker" accounts for the depletion of the gold coins by the fact that the dearth of gold bullion in Japan is due to the flooding of the market with paper money. He writes :- Week after week, in your commercial column, I read that the Bank of Japan issued notes in excess of the legal limit, the last time to the extent of Y44,000,000. Last June, out of Y463,000,000 of currency in the country, no less than Y332,000,000 was in notes. July there were notes in circulation to the válue " of Vza.cooo.coo. against a specia reserve of only Y148,000,000. No wonder the Mainichi asks." Where is the money going to?" The Bank of Japan is authorised to issue notes against gold and silver coins and bullion, and also on the security of Bonds-and-freasury-Bills,-but_in_case_of necessity, the legal maximum limit may be exceeded, in which case the notes are subject to a tax of five, per cent. In other words, when the Government is running short, a few reams of paper are passed through the printing press and are immediately converted into currency. But such currency is not accepted abroad, and goods bought by Japan have to be paid for in gold. not in greasy paper. Consequently there is an exodus of gold in the ordinary course of trade, and the paper (apparently becoming of doubtful value) remains in Japan. This is only natural, as when two forms of currency are in use, the baser always drives out the better. For the past three years the Bank of Japan has had more than 50 per cent. of its reserve against notes, bearing a promise to pay gold or silver on demand, in "securities," not in specie. In 1904, for every Y100 note, there was only Y29.16 in the Bank in specie; in 1905 Y36.95, and last year Y43.07. Japan's currency has been artificially inflated by the issue of notes, and, the correspondent concludes, unless the financial authorities at Tokyo devote some close attention to this subject, and without delay, there may be a serious financial crisis

Mas. Amy Gillan, of 3, Puddell Street, made her second visit at the Police Court, last Tuesday, to answer charges of disorderly behaviour and using indecent and insulting language. Mr. William Wolff, of the Naval Yard, and his wife, Louisa Ada, who reside in the same building at the defendant, were the complainants. They were, represented by Mr. Andrew G. Jackson, of Massrs, Johnson, Stokes and Master. Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro appeared for the defence. A date was fixed for the opening of the cake.

shead in the not distant future. It is not

the "clever Chinese" who have to be looked

after, but the equally cute Japanese.

THE N. Y. K. steamer Area Maru arrived at

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

KEIR HARDIE'S PROGRESS

LEAVES SHANGHAI FOR INDIA. [From Our Own Correspondent.] Shanghai, 8rd Sept.,

"Mr Keir Hardie, leader of the Socialist wing of the Labour Party the House, of Commons, passed through en route to India.

SIR ROBERT HART.

AGAIN BENT ON RETIRING INTENDS TO VISIT ENGLAND TO RECUPERATE. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 3rd Sept., 3.5 p.m.

It is circumstantially reported that Sir Robert Hart, Inspector-General of the Imperial Maritime Customs,

Sir Robert has been suffering from ill-health for some time, and intends to proceed to England to recuperate.

[N. C. D. News.]

Korea.

JAPAN'S FUTURE POLICY OUTLINED.

Tokio, August 30, At the Council of Elder Statesmen and Ministers to-day the future policy with regard to K ren was discussed. A Cabinet Council was subsequently held to consider details.

It is reported that Marquis Ito proposed a Japanese subsidy to Korea of the amount, it is said, of 2,500,000 yen for several years, and also that a loan for public works should be issued. Korea's financial independence was, for the present, impossible. Any thought of Zolverein between Japan and Korea was impracticable so long as Korea's Treasury depeaded largely upon the proceeds of. Customs. Marquis Ito's suggestions were not opposed. Japan is preparing various laws touching the future of Korea. The surrender of Korea's extraterritoriality is desirable upon the condition of a stable Japanese jurisdiction being introduced; but the rumoured American proposal to surrender extraterritoriality is premature,

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF TRADE MARKS...

THA MERCHANTS IN COURT.

Young Chik Sang, the master of the Fuk Cheong tea hong, of 8. Chung Ching Lane, appeared on remand before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, at the Poli e Court, last Tresday, in answer to three indictments, as follows:-(1) That he on the joth July, 907, in December, 90% and in January, 1907, did falsely apply or cause to be falsely applied a certain mark to certain packages of tea and bags for tea as to deceive purchasers; (2) That he did on the same dates and in the Colony apply or cause to be applied a trade description belonging to the complainant, to packages of ter, and (3) On the dates mentioned above unlawfully did dispose of a quantity of tea to which a forged trade-mark and trade descrip-

tion had been applied. Mr. II. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, prosecuted. Mr. P., A. Harding appeared for the defence: Evidence was called to show that the · Peaconkal trade-mark belonged to the complainant firm, and was used solely for one

kind of ten-the "Man Yee" brand. A foki who was formerly employed by the defendant firm spoke as to taking part in packing for the defendant firm between 200 and 300 boxes of "Ma Yee" tea; bearing the complain int s " Peacock " trade mark. The tea exported by the defendant firm, he alleged, was of an inferior quality and was sold for ten and eleven taels per picul, while that of the complainant firm could only be purchased for between fourteen and filteen taels per picul.

The case was further adjourned.

COLLISION IN SHANGHAR

LOSS OF LIFE.

A somewhat serious collision occurred on the river opposite the Public Gardens last night, resulting in the dea h of a couple of native boatmen and the sinking of a Chinese junk, reports the Shanghat Mercury of 2nd

About 9.30 p.m. the tender Alexandra was bound up river on a strong fliod tide, from the P. M. steamer Manchurla, with a number of passengers on board, and furt after rounding the Postung Point she collided with a junk heavily aden with bricks, that was anchored on the Pootung side of the river, with a loud rest unding crash that was plainly heard in the Gardens and along the Bund. The junk which had a large gaping hole in her bows immediately filled, and sank in less than a minute's time, going down hows foremost,

The crew who were left floundering in the water raised loud cries of distress and in a few: moments' time a number of sampans were on the scene picking up the struggling men and the | pillar shored at once Witness could no loose pieces of wreckage. Captain Olla, as soon as possible, turned round and proceeding to the up an hour before the collapse. He made scene of the applicant did all that was possible l'inquiries, however, and learnt that the thore and also informed the river police of what had had been taken down, happened. When the collision occurred the Alexandra had all her lights burning and was, on her proper course, while the lunk was anchored in the fairway just ahead of another anchored funk, neither of which had any lights burning to denote their position. The I'No. night was dark and overcast, and it, was impossible for any one on board the steamer to see the junks until almost on top of them and (on late to avert a collision. A number of passengers on board the Alexandra stated Nagasaki on the 17th ult; from London, via that Captain Olin was in no wise to blame, as Hongkong, in the course of her first voyage | the junks were not showing a single light and after having stranded full the Yorkshire coast nothing was known until they were nearly in December last, 2. She, brought 1,250 tons of thrown off their feet by the sh ck. When she shipbuilding material it in England for the junk sank, she canted over and her mast raked Milsu Bishi Dockyard and Engine Works. | the whole starboard side of the Alexandra, and Selzaburo Fujiwara, a passenger from England | all the awning stanchions on that side were by the Awa Maru, was arrested by the Naga. bent and twisted out of shape, while some of blue bricks is illegal at the present day. saki Water Police on the arrival of the vessel other slight damage w s also done to the The witness said that even if it was not illegal on a charge of have a absconded with 16,000 tender. The junk is now lying sunk just clear | he would not use blue bricks in the construcbalonging-to-hi-couployer, Mr. Nakamura, of of the fairway, and slops are being taken to tion of pillars, remove her as soon as possible.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL

COLLAPSE. INQUIRY AT THE MAGISTRACY.

It bush ... I & de Vinera beth inste This afternoon at the Magistracy, Mr. F. A. dazeland presiding as Coroner, and a jury composed of Measts. John D. Morrison, H. L. Muhle and F. E. McHugh, on inquiry was held touching the death of five Chinamen who were killed in the collapse of the old section of

the Hongkong Hotel on the 1st ultimo. Mr. G. H. Morrell, Crown Solicitor, of Measts, Dennys and Bowley, appeared for the Crown; Mr. H. W. ooker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, represented the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.; Mr. M J. D. Stephens watched the case for Mesers. Kuhn and Komor : Mr. Perkins was present on behalf of the Public Works : Department, and Inspector Smith for

Mr. Morrell stated that the inquiry called for to-day was to determine the cause of the death of a number of Chinameh, who were killed in the collapse of the eastern wing of the Hongkong Hotel. Furthermore, the inquiry was called to find out what caused the collapse. When the evidence was heard, Mr. Morrell said, there were only two verdicts that the jury could arrive at Death by misadventure or manslaughter. To bring in a ver-lict of manslaughter, he said, the jury must find evidence of griss negligence on the part of somebody. He did not think in this case they would find

Dr. C. M. Heanley, in charge of the public mortuary, said that on and August he examined the deal body of a Chinaman named Leung Wa ing. The cause of death, in his opinion, was multiple injuries. The library, coolie of the Hotel, was on the

first floor of the Hotel, Queen's Road side, on the alternuon of the collapse. Mr. Morrell-You were in your room?-Yes.

'Was the deceased Leung Wa Ping with vou?--Yes. What happened? -At about 5.3 p.m. I happened to go into the verandah when I saw some dust and mortar which had fallen from one of the pillars-the, third pillar-lying on the

And what did you do?-I said to a number of "boys" who were silting in the verandah. "Run, there is going to be a collapse." Dif you see anything of Leang Wa Ping?-

He had not time to run away. What happened to him? - The collapse suddealy occurred and he was covered. By Mr. Looker: - You say you saw the third

oillar crack?--l saw dust. Mr. E. sborne chairman of the board of directors of the Hongkong-Hotel, was called to the witness-box.

Mr. Morrell-Do you know the age of the east wing of the hotel? - Speaking from memory I think it is about 23 years old. And the old part of the hotel?-I can't say

from memory. I know it is very old-one of the old original houses in the Colony. The old building and the east wing were connected by bridges?-Yes.

With verandahs running alongside the old building and the east wing? - Yes. One bridge, part of the eastern verandah. col-

lipsed?—Yes. Repairs were being put through in the hotel at the time?—Alterations were being made in the east wing ground floor to the worth of the collapsed po tion.

'Weren't you justing in a cement floor at the time of the collapse?-The cement floor had

Have you apy arrangements with your architects as to examining the fullding periodically? Previous to last year the flotel Company had periodical examinations of the whole building made, but at no fixed date. Last year arrangements were made with the Company's architects for an annual inspection to be made,

Was the inspection made this year?-The inspection was practically completed before the collapse. The east wing had been examined and passed as being sound, but the architects' report had not yet been received at the time of the collapse,

Continuing, witness said that previous to the collapse some pillars on the east wing verandah had been partially reconstructed Witness occasionally used to visit the work of alterations to satisfy himself that the shoring. as far as he could tell, was good. He was satisfied generally, that the shoring was properly done. The company never received any notices from the architects that the east wing "was unsound or tile verandah, along the old building unsale. No notices either were received from the Public Works Department to that effect)

Mr. Guy Blood, a member of the firm o Messrs. Palmer and Turner, architects, said he acted as architect for the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd. Witness's firm did not build the east wing of the hotel. Previous to the collapse two pillars on the first floor were cut out and re-built. When they were being cut out prons, etc., were inserted in the walls above the pillars and the pillars shored up.

Here witness drew a sketch of the shoring up of the pillars.

Pillars 8 and o, he continued, were cut out half at a time, temporary support being placed against them to take the weight which had been borne by the half cut over.

Mr. Morrell-Is it possible that the shoring did what it supposed to stop; that is to say that the outward strain on the foot of the building against which it, was plac d caused a movement in the building?-It is quite impossible.

'His Worship—Quite imp-ssible? Witness-The shoring was not placed to

Mr. Morrell—It is to stop a collapse?—Yes. The collapse started, in witness's opinion, by the giving away of pillar No. 4. He hades amined that pillar at 3.30 pm on the day of the collapse and found it cracked. Stucco was stripped from the pillar for an examination The crack in the brickwork was larger than that in the stucco. It did not appear serious to witness, who gave instructions to have the if workmen had statted shoring **587**

Mr. Morrell-Was the crack in that pill ir an When did you make your acoust (opposition)

-From April to the present da . His Worship—It has not been completed?—! - Mr. Morrell-Cave you examined those:

pillars previous to the aist July 1-Yes. Are you prepared to swear that there was no crack in No. 4 pillar then I-No. I saw no visible crack. When you say you examined the pillars previously you only looked at them?-Yes.

You never tested them !- No. The crushing weight, per square inch, of pillars built of blue bricks and morter would be considerably to a than a pillar made of blue bricks only, the witness said. Building pillars

At this stage the inquiry was adjourned

INQUIRY CONTINUED.

The inquiry touching the death of the five Chinamen who were killed in the collapse of th eastern portion of the Hongkong Hotel, was continued at the Police Court, this afternoon." Mr. G. E. Morrell Crowa Sulfittof to Massrs. Dendys and Bowley, apprared for the Crown ! Mr. H. W. Lucker, of Messra Deacon, Looker and Deacon, represented the Hotel Company Mr. M. L. D. Stephens watched proceedings for Messrs, Kuhn and Komor, Inspector Smith

attended on Lohalf of the police. Mr. Guy Blood was recalled to the stand. He said that just previous to the collapse the hotel was fitted with electric lifts.

Mr. Morrell-Was there any vibration attached to the lifts?—Absolutely none. 'And from the engine-room?-The engineroom was in the old part of the building. In the middle of July last did you remove the main cross wall?-No.

Did you remove any other wall ?-Yes. partition wall at the back of the building was takan dowo. Did the removal of that wall weaken the put in an appearance to play the V.R.C. building to any extent?-No.

On the afternoon of the collapse what was being done !- They were shoring up. Was anybody superintending the shoring?-Yes. I was, and an overseer. Cross-examined by Mr. Looker: There were quite a number of buildings in the Colony supporting two storeys. These have been existence for between 20 to 40 years. In the

build the first floor and walls and pillars with Mr. Looker-Are there any Chinese houses in the Colony with blue brick walls carrying three storeys? - Quite a number. Does the quality of blue brick vary at all ?-

old days of the Colony it was customary

What is the best quality of blue brick?reitel than led Dlick's To what extent are they used in Hongkong!?

-Ton very small extent. Is it permissible under the Building Ordinance to erect walls and pillars with blue bricks?-Not if there is a storey above it. I aw long has that been the case?-Since

What do you mean last time when you said that the pillars were architecturally wrong ?-! meant that they were wrong according to pre-

sent-day standards. By present day standards do you refer to the standard of the Building Ordinance ?-Yes, Now, are many blue bricks, existing in the Colony after being in use for many years?-

Have you examined the blue brick of the cullapsed po tion of the pillars ?- Yes. What quality are they? - Much better than

the quality of blue bricks one sees nowadays. in blocks?-Parts came away loose, the majority came down in big blocks. Now, the crack that you saw in this pillar,

what made you think it was an old crack?-It was a dirty crack. There was dirt inside, And the edges were smoothed off. Have you had much experience in forming

an opinion as to clack in brickworks?-Yes, Large or small? - Large. You cons antly meet with them in the course of your duty?-Yes.

should say the crack was at least between one. two or five years old. Was the work which was being carried out

in the northern portion of the building in any way affecting t e other portion?-No. 'Now; the main walls on the building still standing, are they compused of blue bricks?-

Would the shick of the collapse put a severe strain on the main walls ?- Yes. Did you inspect them to see if they showed any signs of strain at all?—Yes, Did they h-Prictically none,

You told us last time that pillars 8 and 9 had to carry 80 per cent, more weight than the other pillars along the line?-Pes. Why was that? - On account of brick arches

carrying wooden floors sunning across the cast wing to the main building. Was the shoring, which was being carried out under the north portion of the uncollapsed building, being carried out in an effective

manner?-Yes. Was it possible to be carried out in a more effective manner?-No. Now, pillar No. 6, did you examine it since you were here last time?—Yes!

Does that appear to be broken off in a different way to the rest of the pillars !- No. Did you notice any appreciable difference in what was left?—About eix inches more than in the-other-pillars. What do you consider that due to?-Due to

the debris knocking it away. Had any electric lifts been inserted in the last wing where the collapse took place?-No. Did the vibration, by the working of the engine in the main building, cause any strain on the pillars in the east wing?-No.

Was there a thunderstorn going on at the time of the collapse?—"cs, ... Now during thunderstroms are buildings subject to shock? - Yes.

1:0 you think the thunderstorm which was going on at the time of the collapse was a factor causing the collapse of this building !- Yes. Mr. B. L. Frost, an employee in the Telegraph Company, said he lived in the Hongkong Hotel-in the old portion.

Mr. . ooker-120 you remember the evening of the collapse?—Yas, Were you in your room at the time of the

collipse?-\ce. How long had you been to your room prior to the collapse?—Three or four minutes. Where were you before?-In a friend's room.

in the east will g-fourth floor. Do out know what the time was when you returned? -- Seventeen minutes to six What did you do when you got back to your

room?-I sat in a chair, reading. Was there at hunderstorm going on?-Yes, Did you notice any lightning immediately

prior to the collapse? -Yes, I noticed a flash of Did you hear the sound of the collapse !-

How close were the connection between: he two?—A few seconds. "I' at is to say that the collapse occurred a

ley seconds after the flash of lightning?—Yes. Was it a vivid flash? - Yes. It seemed to be. The next withesa was wong thing, a coole employed by the 'ongkong Hotel. He said he know the deceased, Leung Wah Ping. Witness did not see the collapse. He identifi-

ed Leung Wah Ping the following morning in the mortuary. Mr. T. L. Perkins, of the Public Works Department, said it was part of his duty to approve plans for alterations in buildings. Plans were submitted for certain alterations to be made in the Hoogkong Hotel, in May last. The plans were approved, after the building

inspected. The atterations were to erect concrete floors in the past area. After the collapse. witness took charge of the external shoring." Mr. Morrell-Did you or any of your inspectors examine the work of al. ration while. in progress ?-Yes.

It was well built.

especially in Hengkong 7-Yes,

In the ordinary collapse do the bricks come down in lumps ?- Seventy five per cent, of the bricks come down separately,

Did you examine the beams that came down? -Yes, thoroughly, Were they aut eaten?—Yes. .. Less than nine oer cent was ant ealen. Was that a large percentage?—A small per-

At this stage, the inquiry was adjourned until 2.15 p.m. on Monday next, the 9th inst.

HONGKONG WATER POLO SHIELD COMPETITION.

Three matches were arranged to take place last Friday afternoon at the V.R.C., but only two were played, vist-Middlesex "A" team vs. V.R.C. "B" team, and 87th Coy, Royal Garrison Artillery es Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. The Middlesex "B" toam failed to

more particularly to witness the match be tween the Gunners and the Yacht Club. V.R.C. "B" vs. MIDDELESEX "A." This match was a very one-sided game favour of the V.R.C. team, although the Military team did their best. In the first spell the

"A" team, and accordingly they forfeit

points. As usual a big gathering turned out,

V.R.O. team scored 6 goals, and added another four to their credit in the second half. Result. to goals to nil for the V.R.C. 44B". Team. . In the second half the Middlesex goalkeeper, in trying to save, a shot, got; a cramp after being fouled by Bains; being unable to play further, he had to leave the water. The goal was consequently undefended and Roza injudiciously availed of an opportunity and scored

the tepth goal, The teams were :--V.R.C. "B":-W. G. Goggio, L. le Breton, . M. C. Lopes, J. W. Bains, A. J. V. Riberio, C. A. Rodrigues and F. d. Roza. Middlesex "A":-Rolfe, Rice, Remnant,

Roberts, Stephenson, Goode and Miles, " 87TH COY, RIGIA, vs. RIHIKIY.C. This match was the one of the afternoon and created considerable interest. In fact, the speciators were so taken up with the game that, when it was about half through, a big number were nearly precipitated into the water

caused through their leaning too heavily against a'scaffolding. The gunners obtained possession of the ball as soon as play commenced, and in less than a minute Bloomfield passed the ball up to Center who swam away from his man and -registered the first goal for the R. G. A. After this both, teams plays I exceptionally fast, and Were the blue bricks of the debris loose or a good many fouls were, committed by both sides. Biden availed of a nice opportunity to score, but failed in the attempt, no doubt on account of being over-excited. Beattle soon after had a couple of tries which proved unsuccessful and just before the whistle blew for half time. Biden tried a hard shot which

just missed the goal. The Yacht Club men redoubled their efforts to equalize in the second half, but looked a bit fittigued. The gunners, however, looked fit and immediately after re-communicoment of How old would you say this crack was | play, Ward: tried: a long, shot which Wishart stopped, but Fleetwood got possession of the ball from a pass by Ward and bring unmarked, .he swam up to his opponents' goal and

had little difficulty in netting the second goal. After this both teams had about an equal amount of tries which proved of no avail. Capter scored the third goal from a pass by Ward, whilst being unmarked, and the game ended in a well-fought victory for the R.G.A. by 3 goals to nil.

The game might have ended, perhaps, in a draw or a single goal being scored against the Yacht Club, if the latter had only marked their men better. Both teams, however, played a good game.

The steams were (-87th Coy. R. G. A.)-Rodwell (goal), Donoghue, Greenwood (fullbacks), Ward (half-back), Bloomfield, Canter and Fleetwood (forwards). R.H.K.Y.C.:-- J. W. Wishart (goal), G. G. Franklin, H. W. Lester, ((ull-backs), E. W. Carpenter (half-back), F. Biden, P. Linton and

Beattie (forwards). This win for the R.G.A. means that they will have to meet the V.R.C. "A" team in the final and a very good game is sure to result, both teams being evenly matched, and it is hard to tell who will carry off the shield and medals this year. We understand that this match will have to be replayed in the course of a fortinght.

COMPETITION TABLE. Played, Won, Lost. Drawn. Points. 87thCo., R.G.A. 6 Corinthian Y.C. 6 V. R. C. "B"... R. E. "B"..... Middlesex 44 B !! 6 Middlesex "A" (

V. R. C. AQUATIC SPORTS.

The V. R. C. are holding their annual aquatic sports on the 10th, 20th, and 21st instant, and the events, which total 18, are:-1. HALF-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COL-

ONY (open). 2. 'TWO LENGTHS' HANDICAP (Open to 4 rn)y, Navy and Policel. 3. BACK RACE, two lengths.

A. TWO LENGTHS' HANDICAP (Members: 5. TWO LENGTHS' HANDICAP (Members over: 6. HURDLE RACE HANDICAP (Members)

7 CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY, 200' yards (open). 8. Running header from springboard. o, PLUNGING.

10. FOUR LENGTHS' HANDICAP (members 11. HIGH DIVE. 12 Club Championship, for YARDS (mem-

bers only), 11. TRAM RACK (Open to Water Polo teams. competing in the Shield Competition). Seven aside. Two lengths) 14. THREE-LEGGED RACE (Iwo longths)."

. 15. BOYS' RACE (12 to 15 years of age). Two lengths' handicap. 26. BOYS' RACE (under 12 years of age). Two lengths' handicap.

IV. CONSOLATION PACE. 18. WATER FOLD. (Teams to be selected. on Thursday, the 12th September

mil on a level as regards speed.

THE LANTAU MURDER.

HUSBAND' AND WIFE ON TRIAL

grat August. The hearing was opened this forencon, at the Magistracy, before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, of the case in which To Hing. Chan, a fisherman, and his wife, Ho Yung, were charged with murdering a farmer. Fan-Muk Far, in the Mui Wo village, Lantau Island, on the 26th instant, under circumstances already reported in these columns.

The accused pleaded not guilty. "Sergeant" Angus, of Choung-sha-wan Police Station, watched proceedings for the police."

Dr. C. M. Heanley, officer in charge of the public mortuary, said that on the arth instant, at 9.30 a.m., he examined the dead body of a Chinaman named Fan Muk Fat. about thirty night years of age. Death, in his opinion, was due to a tear la the spleen, on the inner surface. There were no other marks of violence on the spleen. Deceased's spleen was enlarged three times its normal size. There, were several marks of violence on the body and his queue was missing, ... A rope was tied round his legs, across the left leg reachings to the ankle of the right leg. & There were four marks on the calf of the left leg and a vertical cut over the right knee. This was two inches long and very shallow. It appeared to have

been done with a blunt hammer. Fan Muk Yau, a farmer of the Pak Ngan village, and brother of the deceased, was the next witness. He stated that at to p.m., on the 25th instant, he was asleep in his house, which is about forty fact away from that of To Hing Chan's. Witness was aroused by a noise made in the street. Witness went out to investigate and saw the first defendant holding deceased by the queue, Then the second defendant, Ho Yung, was seen ktriking the deceased on the head and legs with a chopper. The deceased collapsed. Witness asked what the trouble was about. The second defendant threw away the chopper she held and disappeared. With ness approached his dying brother, who line formed him that he went to the defendant's

house to collect a debt and was attacked. Other evidence was called and the case further adjourned,

VOLUNIEER CORPS ORDERS.

At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, the 9th instant, for infantry drill, Bergt. Downes, 3rd Middlesex Regt., will attend.

RECRUITS' PARADE At headquarters at 5,30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 10th instant, for infantry drill, Sorgt, Downes, 3rd Middlesex Regt., will attend. ARTILLRRY UNITS.

At headquarters at 5,30 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th instant, for 15-pounder B.L. gun drill, Sergt, Windsor, R.G.A. will attend. At headquarters at 5 30 pm. on Friday, the 13th instant, for 15-pounder B.L. gun drill, Sergi. White, R G A., will attend.

N. C. O. & CLASS. At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, the 9th instant, for infantry drill. At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the oth instant, for ex-pounder B.L. hun drill.

Sergt. White, R.O.A., will attend.... At headquarters at, 5.30 pm. on Wednesday, tith instant, for Maxim gun drill. Sergt, White, R.G.A., will attend: At headquarters at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, the

13th instant, for lecture by Staff Officer. TAIKOO PRIACHMANT. At Taikoo at 5.30 p.m. on Thur day, the 12th instant, for 15-3dr. B L. gun drill. Sergt, White, R G.A., will attend.

RNGINEER COMPANY. At Kowloon Engine Shed at q.p.m. on Wednesday, the 11th instant, for technical instruc-LEFT HALF NO. I CO.

A general meeting of the above half company will be held at headquarters at 5,30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11th. Business: - To elect a shooting committee or the ensuing season and to approve various other matters.

RIGHT HALP, NO. 1 COMPANY, A general meeting of the Right Half No. 1 Company will be held at headquarters on Tuesday, the toth instant, at 6 p.m. when every

member is requested to be present. Mr. T. Fuller joined the Corps on the 28th-August, 1907, assigned Corps No. 985 and posted to the Engineer Company. Mr. T. G. Weall, joined the Corpson on the

30th August, 1907, assigned Corps No. 986, and posted to the Right Half No. 2 Company, Mr. R. B. Beattie joined the Corps on the 30th August, 1907, assigned Corps No. 987 and posted to the Right Half No. 2 Company, Mr. J. C. Pen liebury joined the Carps an the 3 st August, 1907, assigned Corps No. 488

and posted to the Engineer Company. Mr. J. D. Woods joined the Corps on the 31st August, 1907, assigned Corps No. 989 and posted to the Right Half:No..s. Company,

CHINKSE LUTTERIES,

"Suspicious" writes to the N. C. D. News on with ult :- Sig-The tickets of the sixty, six'h Hupeh Lottery, last month, contained a discrepancy in the Chinese an I English dates for drawing; the English giving July 31-aix days after the event actually took place, Was this unintentional? At any rate it gave thous, ands of natives the chance, if so disposed after finding themselves losers, of foisting their

useless tickets upon confiding foreigners; With the othics of gambling, the writer has nothing to dy. Tens of thousands of dollars are invested" monthly by foreigners in various lotteries in China, perchance in the hope that present indulgence may result in future abstinence from the vice, and it would be well in the public interest to inquire whether they get a run for their money. The fact remains that the name and residence, of the winner is never known, and -after many years' residence in Chips-the writer has never heard of or met anyone who had either sean or heard of that apparently mythical favourite of fortune. Very rarely, so seldom as alone to excite auspicion when one reflects that probably ager third or one-half the whole, tickets are held by them, one hears of a foreigner winning one of ine amailer blisch out- nover ine diet i-

The Hupeh Bureau lavy, twenty Car cent, commission; this surely is sufficient to ensure an hone i den); To the above letter, the editor appends the

followin i note to 80 far as we are aware it has

been the general opinion of both foreigners by Committee. Members only). Entries close | and Chinese that the Hupeh lottery is perfectly fair. When the drawing takes place the pro-The three Championship events are the most ceedings are quite public, bundreds of people important. C. J. Cooke is without doubt the being present. The numbers are taken out of dead "cert" for the 230 yards championship, a basin at the bottom of a drum in full view of whilst C. Humphreys is looked upon as the I the audience. In these circumstances it is winner of the 100 yards' Club Championship | certainly curious that such incongruity in dates The Team Race between all the Water Polo | shou'd have occurred as is shown on the lot-Teams that competed in the present Shield tery ticket which our correspondent forwards Competition is also sure to attract a great deal to us, the Chinese, version stating that the of interest. It will, indeed, be difficult to say drawing will take place on the sixteenth, day Do you draw any inference that a good deal which team will win this, as the V'R. C. A. of the sixth moon, i.s. July 25, while the of the debris came down in large lumps !- Yes, Corinthian Yacht: Club, V. R. C. "B." S7th English version on the ticket is July gr. The Coy, Royal Garrison Artillery, and the Royal person is one which certainly seems do call for You've seen a great deal of collapses Hongkong Yacht. Club teams are practically explanation as, on the face of it, it opens the door to temptations to serious fraud.

H.M.S. "FLORA" IN DOCK.

YURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE MISHAP.

Official sources—both Naval and at the Docks-are, as can only be expected under the circumstance, perfectly reticent over the accident which befell H.M.S. Flora on the night of Wednesday last. The gathering of further reliable details attending the sunfortunate mishap has been no easy task, but the particulars which are now placed before our readers have been obtained from a source whose veracity there can be no reason to dispute.

When the Flora was making the harbour on Wednesday night on herreturn from Singapore. after entering Lycomoon Pass, she was proceeding "dead slow." The watch on deck was keeping a sharp look-out for the red-buoy marking the Dunmail Rock in Hunghom, Bay, as by the aid of that mark the cruisers course would be shaped for her buoy in the man-of-war anchorage. The baze hanging over the barbour at the time must have evidently obscured the red-buoy from view from the deck of the cruiser. Without any warning those on board felt a sudden shock and within the briefest interval a second. The sensation was that of the vessel striking a submerged buoy. It was at first surmised that the Flora must bave run over the buoy. In an instant, however, the buoy was seen to the port side of the Flora, the cruiser being then somewhere midway between the buoy and the shore. She had struck the Dunmail Rock and slid clean over. The vessel at this time took a heavy list to starboard. All bands by this time reglised that an accident had occurred and in almost no time every man gained the deck. Such was the perfect discipline on board that not the smallest exhibition of excitement manifested itself and the entire crew to a man was

That the Flora had struck a submerged rock now became evident to those on board, but no idea was entertained that any vital injury had been inflicted to the hull of the cruiser. She made for her buoy in the Naval anchorage, and it was after she had made fast that water was discovered in the for and compartment, some fifteen inches or so having already gained its way into that part of the vessel. The pumps were started going to check the further inrush of water.

ready to answer the call to his assigned station.

THE SALVAGE PARTY. Meanwhile the salvage party was signalled for from the Naval Dockyard. By three o'clock in the morning of Thursday the party were on board the cruiser. So efficiently did they set themselves to work that at no time was the safety of the cruiser endangered, and by seven o'clock the same morning the Flora was lying sairly on the blocks in the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon.

Once drydocked the extent of the damage could be approximately guaged. was seen that for a length of several feet the for ard part of the keel had been seriously damaged. The hull on the port side received the worst injuries. Three gangs of workmen, mostly of the corpentry department were set upon the job, while European foremen from the Admiralty works on this side of the Karbour were detached to assist, as is usual in all Naval repairs-the staff of the Dock Co. The first duty of the men employed on the job was to remove the copper sheathing, then the first wooden sheathing of three-inch hardwood planks and a second sheathing of four-inch boards. Through out yesterday and to a late hour last evening the couple of hundred men were at the task. This was necessitated in order to lay bare the steel shell of the cruiser. At a late hour yesterday it was believed that no less than thirteen plates will have to be removed from the hull of the cruiser, and how many more, if any, may be found to have been injured upon later examination it was not ascertainable last evening. At any rate, at idea of the damage may be derived from the fact that competent mechanical experts pronounce the opinion that fully a month will be taken before the Flora

can be made sea-going again. REMOVING THE AMMUNITION. While the big hull of the cuiser lay crippled in the dock supported by stout timber shores from either side of the granite facing of the No... I Dock, with the head of the dock itself shorn of the massive dressed granite blocks preparatory to being lengthened, a continuous stream of bluejackets was running a line of hand trolleys from a gangway connecting the cruiser with the shore on to the sea-wall This part of the crew of the Flora had been continuously at work throughout yesterday in the broiling hot sun into late hours at night removing the shells and hundreds of cases of ammunition from the magazine of the cruiser to the Naval lighter lying alongide the sea-wall. The ammunition has had to be removed for a thorough examination

of the hull Incidentally, it may be mentioned that the present is the second mishap that has befallen the Flora within the past five years. She was first overtaken by a similar accident while on commission in the North Pacific four years Her repairs were then carried out in an American shippard, and as it might be expected a fairly costly bill had to be met by My Lords of the Admiralty.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF REPAIRS. It is stated that the estimate, as arrived up to the present, of the probable amount required | had taken place he saw the two defendto make good the damage to H.M.S. Flora, now undergoing repairs at the Kowloon Docks, will be about seventy-five thousand dollars.

. A HERO IN BLUE.

CONSTABLE BERRIE'S EXPLOIT AT TAI O.

Constable George Berrie modestly admitted in the Marine Magistrate's Court last Monday -before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N. Marine Magistrate—that he had acted as a hero the other day. On Friday night, about half-past nine, he was having an outing—on duty-in a sampan, in the pellucid waters of Tai O, when another boat was seen bearing down upon the sampan. In order to avoid a col sion the crew-of-the sampan-endeavoured to slew round the little craft, but as they all gathered together in a crowd on the port side the sampan slowly and gracefully heeled over and capsized. There was a child on board. simple words.

swim. I saved it." Nothing vainglorious about the bald son's spirit animating the hearts of the pans, whether the men be tars or policemen.

. Alternative being a fortnight's rest. he is eligible for the Belilios "saucer."

THE "INDRAVELLI CAFFRAY. PRISONERS ON TRIAL

As recorded in the last issue of the Hongkong Telegraph, the five men-Thomas Dean, Charles Riley, Thomas Knockton, Walter O'Brien and William-Clark—part of the crew of the steamer Indravelli, who were arrested on board ship early yesterday morning on a charge of cutting and wounding the third officet-Mr. G. Thorno-were arraigned before Mr. F. A. Hazoland, this morning, at the Police Court. An additional charge, vir., assaulting Mr. F. J. Dunker, the fourth officer, was placed against-Dean, the first accused.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the Stanley Cullington, master of the British ship Indravelli, took the witness-stand. A about 1.15 o'clock yesterday morning, witness testified, he was sleeping on the upper deck

when a sampan with some Europeans on board came alongside. The Europeans were cursing and swearing His Worship-Did you recognise the voices

–No.∘ The noise that was created, went on the witness, aroused the third and fourth officers, who remonstrated with the men. His Worship-You knew then that the Euro-

peans were part of your crew?-Yes. The next thing witness heard was a loud noise on deck. He went to investigate and saw the second officer holding the second defendant-Riley, As soon as witness arrived on the scene the third officer called out that he was stabbed. Witness promptly seized. the first defendant-Dean. When he heard that the third officer was bleeding freely from searched and a knife found on him.

on the knife?—No.

looked as if it had been rubbed. 🔧 up " all the officers, and that if he had a gun it would give him great pleasure to shoot the fourth | they got nearer and nearer the winning post it officer. His wounds having been temporarily | was seen that Blue Nile and his able rider were attended to, the third officer was removed to | not to be defeated-on this occasion, at least. his cabin, and witness and his officers went to the starboard fo'c'sle to arrest Riley. Witness found Riley standing in the middle of the room, undressed and ready to turn in. He held a rayor l in his hand, which he carefully placed on a table. Then he placed his foot on a step to get into his bunk. Witness got the man to dress himself again and he was placed in irons. Knockton, the third defendant, was found among a number of men in the No. 1. hold.. Half an hour later the police launch arrived. Witness explained the situation and the police officer left for the shore again for medical assistance. He returned at about five o'clock

was removed to bespital. By His Worship—Were these men under the influence of liquor when they came aboard?-Dean and Riley were. I cannot speak as to the others.

without any. Then the doctor of the Siberia

was called. At six o'clock the injured officer

By Defendant Knockton-Do you know if Clark, O'Brien and myself were in the bother? By His Worship-Is there any further

evidence against the three last defendants? Inspector Kerr-No, your Worship. Only that they were in the crowd that came aboard in the sampao.

Then they had better be discharged, his Worship said

Inspector Kerr had no objection, and Knockton, O'Brien and Clark were discharged. Frederick Dunker, fourth officer, s.s. Indravells, spoke as to seeing a sampan coming alongside the ship at about one o'clock yesterday morning. When the passengers landed there was an argument about the fare. Witness went down the gangway to try to stop it, and he was struck by Dean. Then they went up the gangway and, meeting the third mate at the top-of-the gangway, Dean struck him, too. There was a general melec on deck and witness was struck

By His Worship-Did you see the third officer stabbed?--No. -

again, by whom he could not say. Turning

round the next minute he saw the third mate

lying on the deck bleeding.

What is the condition of the injured man?— Inspector Kerr handed to the Court a medical certificate showing that the third officer could not leave hospital for a week.

The hearing was then adjourned until Monday forepoon.

MORE WITNESSES EXAMINED.

Two more witnesses were examined at the Police Court, this forenoon, in connection with the Indravelli stabbing case, in which two scamen-Riley and Dean-are being charged with cutting and wounding the third officer of the vessel-Mr. G. G. Thorne-on Friday

The first witness called to the stand was Norwegian fireman named Floyd. stated that soon after the stabbing affray ants. Riley was holding a razor in his hand. 'As witness was walking forward. Dean appoached him and asked witness if he wanted a fight. Witness asked what for, whereupon Dean, he said, seized him by the throat and waiving a sheath knife over his head, threatened to stab him if he refused to fight. Witness then became scared and asked? "Whom do you want me to fight?" Dean, he stated. replied: "Go fo'c's'le, get knife take captain for money, and kill officers." Dean then

released witness and the latter went below. The second witness was Thos. Knockton, one of the firemen who was arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the matter, but who, with two others, was discharged on Saturday: His evidence was solely to the effect that when he reached the deck on the morning in question he saw two men struggling with

At this stage the case was further adjourned until Tuesday next.

but let Constable Berrie tell it in his own THE sum of \$150,000 has been collected for the purpose of founding in the Philippines a "A child of 11, one of the crew, couldn't. Russian colony, two of the founders being in Manila at the present time. They have already taken up a piece of land in San Juan del Monte statement, but just another example of Nel- to be used for an experimental farm for the purpose of raising cattle for food purposes, men who go down to the sea in ships. The people who are to make up the colony whether they be in galleons, frigates or same are hard workers, industrial people who are accustomed to roughing it and There were no lights on board the piratical labour in the fields and it is believed that they craft which roved the sea, and when the will make great success of the enterprise. It constable boarded he could only see a gang of is understood that they will have the fullest youngsters. The master of the fishing junk, support of the publicity committee of the Choung Fuen King by name, lamely said: "I | Manila merchant's association. An American was not on board," when he was charged with and a German, both agriculturists, recently neglecting to exhibit a light, Fined \$5, the arrived in Manila have been assisted by the kept to the finish, winning by several lengths. committee to secure land in the lake region of . Time-2.00. Constable Barrin is now wondering whether | Laguna and are now at work on a farm they are building up there..

SATURDAY'S GPMEHANA!

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

Taking everything into consideration. last Saturday's meeting of the Hongkong Gymkhana 'Club"-the fourth of the season-proved a distinct success from every point of view. The weather, which looked gloomy during the earlier part of the day, brightened up somewhat in the afternoon and by the time the first saddling bell was rung Old Sol was smiling in all his glory, while a slight breeze fanned the

.Taking advantage of the favourable condi tions of the weather a large number of turf outhusiasts journeyed to the race course. From the stuffy city to the picturesque Valley was a delightful change and at least half an hour before the hour fixed for the first race crowds of men and women had assembled in the grandstands, others preferring to promenade in the compound. His Excellency the Governor, Si Frederick Lugard, who was accompanied by Lady Lugard, and his A.D C.'s, arrived shortly after the first race had been decided. The Band of the 3rd Middlesex Regiment struck up the National Anthem. After this, Mr. C. H. Ross, the Judge, welcomed the gubernatorial party to the course, and later they were conducted to the stand

On the whole the racing was good, the handicapping, thanks to Major Parker, being faultless, and the finishes exciting. The trackwas in fine condition, though a trifle holding. the result of the morning's shower. The times. with the exception of the Challenge Cup, were considered slow. The first race brought forth a comfortable field of five ponies, and admirers of The Veteran were pleased:to see him markhis wounds witness let go Dean, who clear- ing out his course home on the champion. ed formed and turned his attention to the though unknown, Astral. Although five ponies wounded man. After he had bathed his started in this event only four did the runwounds, witness ordered Dean to be placed in | ping. Velocity (Roberts up) bolted up the irons and "shackled up" to a derrick post. | bank near the Football Club's dressing shed Before this was done, however, Dean was Next came the big race of the afternoon-the Challenge Cup. 'This proved to be the most His Worship-Was there any trace of blood exciting race of the day. Coxcomb was hot favourite, Blue Nile fauciers did not desert When you examined it did the blade look as I him, while a number dropped on Manchurian f any blood stains had been washed off?-It | Chief on the off chance. Coxcomb did the rupping as far as "Calvaire," when Blue Nile Continuing, the captain said that Dean be- drew up level, Manchurian Chief dropping became very noisy after this, and used very bad I hind at every stride. When the first two menlanguage. He said that he would like to "do | tioned ponies entered the straight it was evident that a hard fight was in progress. But as

The Ladies' Nomination Event-the Costume Race-was the most amusing feature of the day. That it "took on" was evident from the roars of laughter that rose when the disguised parties made their appearance on the course. The first prize was awarded to Mrs. F. H. May for her well got up costume.—The White Knight. Mr. R. F. C. Master was the first to reach the post home.

---The least that can be said of the so-called jumping, competition was that it was an utter

A very interesting event was the tussle for the Tent Pegging Cup. There was a large entry. but only a few of the competitors managed to raise the peg, the remainder not only failing to get near the objective, but lacked pace and style, the latter especially.

The last race produced the biggest field of the day and also the best ponies. Blue Nile apparently went out to keep the pace for his stable companion -Astral-who won after a severe struggle with Coxcomb.

I,-4 p.m.-THREE QUARTERS OF A MILE FLAT RACE - Handicap .- For all China' ponies. Jockeys who have not won more than two official races in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: A Cup presented. 2nd prize: \$25. (Entrance fees to go to winner.)

Mr. G. C. C. Master's Astral, 156 lbs (Owner) Mr. G. K. Brutton's Kingston, 149. 1634 (Owner) 2 Mr. E. A. Hankey's Off Chance, 147 lbs ... (Mr. R. F. C. Master) Mr. Robert's Velocity, 139 Ibs (Owner) Mr. A. Morfey's Southdown, 137 lbs.

* 5 lbs allowance.

After one false start, the field got away fairly evenly. Kingston took up the rail position and led, the bunch trailing but a few yards in the rear. As the popies were coming round the bend Velocity shied and bolted up the enbankment near the Football Club's dressing shed. Kingston continued to lead as far as "Calvaire." when "Astral shot away" from the bunch and challenged. On the way to the village the ponies, with the exception of Southdown, who was out distanced, bunched again. At this juncture things got exciting. When the ponies entered the home run Astral took inside position, Kingston and Offchance coming up strong behind. However, the lead Astral had secured after entering the straight could not be contested and he ran home victorious by about ive lengths. Kingston running up second

scarcely half a length from Offchance.

Time-1.37 2/5. Dividend-\$7.70.

Sweeps-18t\$390.60; 2nd\$111.60; 3rd\$55.80. 2.--4.20 p.m.-GYMKHANA CLUB CHALLENGE CUP.—Distance one mile. For all China ponies. Catch weights at 10st. 6lb. Winners of an open race or open griffin race 5 lb. extra. Non-winning subscription griffins allowed 51b. Jockeys who have not won more than two official races in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 51b. To be won by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the cup, counting 4 points for a first; 2 for a second; and 1 for a third The benefit of marks already scored to pass with the pony on a sale. Any winner of the race to carry 5 lb. extra for each wit in subsequent starts for the cup, but in the event of a pony carrying the penalty not winning, 2'lb. to be deducted next time he starts. Penalties accumulative up to 15 lb Entrance fee of \$5 to go in the purchase of a memento to the winner of each race, and \$25 to second pony out of the Club funds At the conclusion of the season a cup will be presented by Commodore R. H. S. Stokes R.M., to the owner of the pony obtaining the second highest number of marks,

Mr. G. C. C. Master's Blue Nile, 154 lbs. Mr. Dryasdust's Coxcomb. 161 lbs. (Dupree) 2 Mr. E. Kadoorie's Manchurian Chief

143lbs. (Carke) 0 backed, the fancy, however, being on the former pony. The "offchancers" laid on the grouped. This state of affairs was upheld until the Football shed was negotiated when Coxcomb was forced to make the pace with the Chief. Approaching the Rock the Chief relinquished, and Blue Nile was given his head. At the village the two champions drew neck and neck. Turning the bend it was seen that Blue Nile had the lead... which be

Dividend—So 40. Sweeps-1st \$378; 2nd \$108; 3rd \$54. 3.-4:40 p.m.-LADIES NOMINATION-COS TUME RACE -- About 200 yards round a post and in. Ladies to provide the costumes. Prize for the first man in Prize for best costume, adjudged such by a sub-committee to be appointed by the committee of the Gymkhana Club. Entrance fee Sy. Prizes

The Costume Race resulted as under :--

Mrs. May, The White Knight,....... Mrs. Stedman, The Ballet Girl, Mrs. Bailey, "Diana Vernon"...... The prize offered for the first man in was won by Mr. R. F. C. Master. Mr. T. G.

presented by the Club.

Vernon was second. Mr. G. Marshall third. 4:-5.20 p.m. JUMPING COMPETITION .- Open to all China ponies. To be ridden by members of the Gymkhama Club or officers of the Army or Navy. Three heights over a bar Each competitor allowed one run at each height. Entrance fee \$5, 1st prize presented. 2nd prize: **5**24.

Mr. G. C. Moxon's Box (R. F. C. Master)... Mr. C. H. Ross' Ben Wyvis (Dupres)

Dividend—So.4o. "Sweeps—1st \$491,40; 2nd \$140.40; 3rd \$70.20. 5.—5.45 p.m.—Tent-Proging Challenge CUP .- Presented by His Excellency Major-General Broadwood, C.B. For Chips ponies. To be run for five times and to be won by the rider scoring most marks at the end of the season. Best of three runs at each meeting. Points for pace and style. Open to members of both services as well as to members of the Gymkhana Club. Winners of this event at the first two Gymkhanas this season to count marks scored by them at this meeting towards aggregate only. Mementoes presented at this meeting to be taken by riders scoring highest number exclusive of winners at the first, two Gymkhana meetings this season. Entrance fee \$3. memento presented to the 1st and 2nd. Post

Mr. C. H. Ross (33 points) Mr. W. S. Dupres (29 points) Mr. T. G. Vernon (22 points) Dividend—\$3.6%

6.—6.05 p.m.—WELTER RACE.—Half a mile For all China pony hacks passed as such b the committee of the Gymkhana Club. To be ridden by riders who have never ridden in an official race in Hongkong or China. Catch weights over 12st, 7lb. Riders to stand not less than 11st. 7lb. in ordinary riding breeches, boots, gaiters and shirts. Oper to members of the Jockey Club and members of both services as well as to members of the Gymkhana Club. Entrance fee \$5. 18 prize: A cup presented by prize: 525.

Mr. Rolason's Minnoch, 175 lbs...... (Capt. Beasley) Mr. W. J. Daniel's Mans, 175 lbs ... (Owner) Messrs. Goldring and Reed's Wildman, 201 lbs(Morrell)

Highland Comet, 195 lbs (Hill) From the outset Minnoch, the hot layourite I-took the lead, and ran home winner, the others following in the order given above.

Time—1.06 3/5. Dividend—\$8.50.

Sweeps-1st \$444.15; 2nd \$126.90 j 3rd \$63.4 7.-6.25-p.m.-One Mile and a Quarter Flat Race, Handicap-For all China ponies. keys who have not won more than two official races in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: prize: \$25. (Entrance-fees to go to winner). Mr. G. C. Master's Astral, 149lbs*

Mr. Dryasdust's Coxcomb, 1611bs* (Dupree) Mr. G. C. Master's Blue Nile, 156lbs......

Mr. Medico's Nigel, 148lbs......(Gegg) Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Manchurian Chief 145lbs (Clarke) 'Mr. Brutton's Septima, '49lbs (Owner) Mr., F. H. May's Highland Heather, 145lbs

Mr. Roberts' Velocity, 135lbs (Owner) The light was just fading away as this mobwas sent away. Passing the Stand, Velocity had command, but he was soon ousted Coxcomb, who, with Blue Nile and Astral, led Coxcomb, who was well ridden, led, Tollowed closely by Blue Nile, until but a few yards from home, when the Nile "side--stepped,"and-Astral-shot home-winner,--Cox--

Time-2.47 2/5. -Dividend-\$21,70.-Sweeps-1st \$359.10; 2nd \$102.60; 3rd \$51.30.

comb taking second place honours, the great

Blue Nile remaining content in third place.

WANCHAI: FORK DEALERS IN TROUBLE

ALLEGED ASSAULT IN THE MARKET

Four pork dealers, carrying on business in the Wanchai Market, may, perhaps, have to stand trial for manslaughter in the course of a few days. Last Monday, at the Police Court, they were charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, with assaulting a street nawker by name Wan Sum. The hawker is now lying in the Government Civil Hospital in a critical condition and no hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The facts of the case, though meagre, are to

the effect that some time yesterday morning the hawker went to the pork dealers' stall and ordered a catty of pork. Scales, which had been to ded by the police two days previously, were produced, and the meat weighed and handed to the hawker. The latter in turn produced scales of his own, and found after weighing the pork for some time that it was five mace short in weight. Some words were exchanged and the hawker left the market. What transpired after this is not altogether clear, but it is said the hawker returned to the pork dealers' stall in a short while. One account is to the effect that the quarrel was renewed, during which the hawker was beaten and then handed over to the police on a charge of disorderly behaviour. The other account has it that during the quarrel with the pork dealers the hawker pulled out a knife and started slashing his chest, thinking that by so doing he would get the pork dealers into trouble. up in a cell at No. 2 Police Station on the comfor him shortly after noon and he was released. throughout this extraordinary run. The record of any board which has so many able men That evening, at about six o'clock, he was re- run by Mr. Edge on the Napier car at Brook- upon it, and I think their triumphs is that moved to hospital suffering, it was said, from a fands was made on "Shell" spirit. The comruptured spleen. Shortly after admittance the pany pioneered the import of petrol in bulk so way this amalgamation, (Hear, : hear.) "It must Coxcomb and Blue Nile started out heavily | hawker sank lower and lower until it was found | long ago 1921, when the first cargo of Borneo | have been a very heavy, serious, and difficult necessary to operate on him. In his deposi- petrol came by the Murex. Since then they tion, which Mr. | Hazeland took, the hawker | had transported no less than 427,926 tons in | advantageous to the Dutch Company as it is to outsider-Manchurian Chief. When the flag accused the pork dealers of assaulting him. bulk, and it was not too much to say that the fell Coxcomb took the lead, Manchurian. Then followed the arrest of the quartette-three | motor trade would have been impossible had it Chief second, and Blue Nile, hard held, of whom were identified by the hawker's wife, last. Passing the judge's stand the ponies who, it was reported, witnessed the alleged assault, and the other by the hawker himself. Mr. Andrew G. Jackson, of Mesers: Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the accused.

He asked for the adjournment of the case and

The case was then postponed for a week. during which time it will be known what steps the police are going to take in the matter.

THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMFANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the members of the "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited, was held on 20th July, at Winchester House, Old Broad-street, E.C. Sir Marcus Samuel, Bart. (the chairman), presided. The secretary (Mr. E A. Smith-Rewse) read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' report.

The Chairman said that the present report was of particular interest, as it was the last time in which the figures would be submitted in that form. ... Including the balance brought forward, the net profit amounted to £567,501 There had been placed to the provision of depreciation of steamships and installations Lico. 528, and paid the final loss arising from the liquidation of the European oil business. £41,795. Their anticipations of a greatly improved return for their products were justified. Had it not been for the agreement under which the dividend for 1906 was limited to 5 per cent. the earnings would have enabled them to easily pay 12 per cent., since after making, provision of £70,000 to enable them to place the steamers and installations in the condition called for by the agreement with the Royal Dutch Company. they were enabled to carry forward £172,370. as against £85,355 last year. The reason why so large a sum as £70,000 was necessary as a provision for subsequent equipment of installations and steamers was that at Bornbay, by reason of the requirements of the Port Trust for the enlargement of the harbour. the whole of the "Shell" Company's installations had to be removed to Sewree. They | the motor-car owed so much-should be prehad hoped that the entire cost of this removal cluded from the enormous advantage of the would have been repaid by the Port Trust, but I use of "Shell" spirit, owing to its having to pay they were disappointed, and would have to a prohibitive duty in France, through an overfind a sum of no less than £15,000 in this sight in the treaties concluded with that counconnection. Large expenditure had also been try by the Dutch Government, which omitted incurred in connection with the Yokohama | to include the Dutch Colonies. So great :was installation, while the typhoon in Hongkong I the demand for petrol, and so largely was the was the cause of very heavy loss to the company. Certain of the steamers were overdue for survey, and the repairs necessitated by wear. the French consumers to obtain the finest and tear had to be made good, so that the £70,000 was easily accounted for.

INCOME TAX.

He could not refrain from mentioning the

very serious trouble to which they had been exposed, in common with every other firm throughout the country, by the action of the Income-tax Commissioners. In such a meeting it, was surely appropriate to call attention to the very grave jeopardy to capital in the United Kingdom if the intolerable action of those responsible for the levying of Incometax was persisted in. Shareholders knew that, most unfairly, the company had to pay Incometax upon the cost, amounting to £59,109, o issuing preference shares, but a more monstrous claim had since been made. They raised certain moneys in Australia for the purpose of erect ing installations there. The interest was pay able in Australia, and they deducted from profits the interest which they had to pay there The Income tax Commissioners claimed that the company wrongfully deducted this, and that the company were entitled to debit their creditors resident in Australia-with-the-Income-tax. Such a dictum, carried to this length, must drive capital from the country Another action taken by the Commissioners of A Cup presented by Mr. Bollinger. 2nd the Income-tax was so grossly unjust that companies within his own -knowledge were deliberately removing the registration from England with a view to avoiding the gross wrong done to their employees and members resident abroad by a new reading which the Incometax Commissioners were attempting to set up. They claimed that a return of all employees must be made by every company and firm, although athese employees made their inthe company was liable for the amount which that company had set aside for reserve, and they also arregated the right of investigating aside for depreciation.

_ASIATIC_PETROLEUM_COMPANY. Within the last few days they had had final accounts rendered by the Asiatic Petroleum gratifying fact that their profits had been on a Maatschappij, which became the owner of the That increase was merely a transfer of a portion of the saving of management. Therewhole of the properties under the Dutch juris-I fore he had the greatest pleasure in moving diction, the existence of the Shell Transport "That the remuneration of the directors of the and Trading Company, Limited, came to an end, except the part which they played as shareholders in the other companies. The occasion was a somewhat: painful one, because by the capitulation of their rights in controlling it the one territory capable, in his opinion, of providing supplies of liquid fuel sufficient to meet the naval requirements of this country had passed. from British hands. He would be greatly mistaken if, in the future, the folly of compelling a-British company to part with property of vital import in the future of naval warfare was not bitterly regretted .- He could assure them, however, that neither the chairman nor directors had been to blame.

THE "SHELL" SPIRIT. Although he could not go into details, it was gratifying to know that the "Shell" spirit was increasing in popularity and prestige every day. The journey from Peking to Paris started entirely upon "Shell" spirit, and considerable However that may be, the hawker was locked | credit was due to the local representatives who. at the request of the Matin, made the necessary plaint of the pork dealers. Bail was produced arrangements for the supply of the petrol us through well. (Hear, hear.) I do not know not been for their courage and enterprise. In Kotel alone they had proved territory extending over a length of more than so miles, containing anticlinals of oil throughout the entire area. The price would necessarily depend upon whether they and other producers with whom they had to Mr, wazeland: I cannot allow bail. The | compete, were obliged to produce crude oil for man is in a serious condition; and a charge of the sole purpose of making petrol, or whether, manslaughter may have to be placed against as at present, they could find remunerative markets for the other products left when the petrol was removed from the crude. "There was room for a very large and rapid increase of the petrol trade before any alteration could compliment, and the proceedings terminated

take place in these conditions. In fact, supplies of petrol were so ample that, in order it endeavour to encourage consumption, as also to meet competition, they had been obliged to reduce their prices to some extent, and, so far as he could see there was not the remolest danger of any failure of petrol supplies; even i the most sanguine hopes as to the sincrease. Of the motor industry should be amply fulfilled.

ALCOHOL V. PETROL. To those gentlemen who advocated the use of alcoholias a substitute for petrolitha history of the trade in Germany would prove instructive, win Germany there was a very beavy duty. on petrol, so that the consumer had to pay a much higher price than in this country, and consequently very great efforts were made to employ substitutes that could be produced in the country and so be free of duty. When motor cabs were first started in Berlin, they were ordered by the authorities to juse nothing but alcohol, but it was found that the cars could not be run on this spirit; and consequently every cab was allowed to use a certain quantity of petrol to start the car. This attempt by the authorities to force the cars to use alcohol, has now been definitely abandoned, with the result that all motor vehicles in Berlin run entirely on petrol, in spite of the heavy duty. Although alcohol and other substitutes, might prove an excellent "bogsy" with which to attempt to frighten the producers of petrol, they did not entertain the smallest misgivings that this spirit could ever become a competitor to their petrol, for the simple reason that it did not inherently contain those qualities essential for the running of motor vehicles.

PRINCL IN FRANCE. It was surely the very irony of fate that France-to whose genius the development of trade now dependent upon the Rast Indies for their supplies, that the irresistible demand by petrol in the world would force the French Government to admit their petrol on the same terms as Roumanian and American. The prohibition also extended to petrol produced in British India, and it was a great argument in favour of the need of reciprocity that they were assured that if the Indian Government was prepared to make some concession on French goods imported into India, this right would be granted.

THE PROSPECTS.

It will be necessarily many months before we shall have the pleasure of meeting our shareholders again, the Chairman concluded, and you may desire to know what are the prospects for the current year. .- We distributed a dividend at the rate of to per cent per annum. on the ret of this month, and, without pledging myself in any way (since it will be obvious to you that only seven months of the current year have expired), but subject to the maintenance of production in the fields, and to the prevalent condition of the markets, I believe an intelligent anticipation of events will show that we shall have the great pleasure of distributing the second interim dividend on January I next. at a rate exceeding that of the first dividend, and making the highest dividend ever yet paid by this company. I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of the report. (Cheers.) Mr. A. V. D. Best seconded, and the resolution was carried upanimously. THE COMPANY'S SPLENDID POSITION.

Sir J. Fortescue Flannery said he was sure they had all been exceedingly interested in the lucid statement of the chairman, and he would like to say a word of congratulation to themselves upon the splendid position to which they come abroad, and did not visit England had attained. He was one of the oldest sharefor years, and that they, too, were liable to | holders -he was an original shareholder -and Income-tax. The reason he put this pro! he had watched the company from its vary beminently before the meeting was that, although | ginning. He ventured to say that the company the company only received a specified sum as had never before been in to satisfactory; and dividend on the Nederlandsch Indische shares. promising a position. Since the last meeting the Income-tax Commissioners claimed that a change had taken place in the management arrangements, and he considered it was very fortunate indeed for the shareholders that those who had had to negotiate that change the amount which this Dutch company had put | had been shareholders of the largest kind, rather than merely managers; (Hear, hear, It had been very fortunate that the firm of-Sir Marcus -- Samuel -- and -- Company -- had been so ready to resign the profitable position of managers in the interests of the Company, which enabled them to realise the | shareholders generally. (Hear, hear,) They had heard from the chairman how the change materially larger scale than the directors had had come about, and they perfectly understood anticipated, and the result had been that the position. In the balance sheet there was t was not necessary to issue 400,000 new an item of £23,000 for management, and the shares for the purpose of paying off their | chairman had told them in his speech that that liabilities and providing the new capital re- Item would in future largely disappear-that quired by the terms of their agreements | was to say, that the cost of management in with the Royal Dutch Company. This purpose future would fall, not upon the "Shell" Trauswas effected by the issue of only 300,0.0 port Company only, but upon the combine, shares, all of which had already been applied | and that the combine or central board would for. By the founding of the Anglo-Saxon | control the wells, transport and distribution, Petroleum Company, Limited, which had taken | The change in the management arrangements, over all the assets of the "Shell" Company though saving the cost of management, involved and the Royal Dutch Company administrable | ved an increase in the size of the board, and in England, and of the Bataafsche Petroleum | necessarily some increase in the directors.

> "Shell" Transport and Trading Company. Limited, be increased to £6,000 per annum, as and from January 1, 1907. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Coubrough seconded the motion, which was at once carried. On the motion, of the Chairman, the retiring

directors, Messrs, Rickmers, 8, Samuel and W. F. Mitchell, were re-elected. The election of Mr. H. W. A. Deterding, Dr. A. J. Cohan Stuart, and Mr. W. H. Samuel as directors of the company having been ,con-

On the motion of Mr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Serena, the auditors, Messrs, Turquand, Youngs and Co., were re-appointed.

THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr. E. Pembroke: I am sure you will all agree with me that our best thanks are due to the chairman and board, not only for all the chairman has told us to-day, but for all the work and labour and anxiety they have had since the formation of the company? They have carried they have carried through in such a successful task. I hope the amalgamation will be as: the "Shell" Company, I have no doubt that both companies will prosper, and that when we meet again we shall find ourselves in a stillbetter position than we are in to-day. I have pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman and to every member of the board. Sir William Bisset, seconding, said he was an original shoreholder, and had watched the fortunes of the company with great interest.

He especially admired the courage and ability with which its affairs had been conducted. (Hear, bear.) I'm at well and the The vote of thanks having been upanimously

accorded. The Chairman suitably acknowledged the

SANITARY BOARD.

THE ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Sapitary Board was held in the Board-room last Tuesday afternoon, _____

THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS. With reference to the draft Estimates for the Banitary Department for 1908, which were considered by the Board 'at 'its last meeting, the following reply to the Board's recommendations was received from the Colonial Secretary :-"Colonial Secretary's Office,

"26th August, 1907. "Sir,-I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the aznd instant, stating that the Sanitary Board had agreed to adopt the Estimates for the Sanitary Department for the year 1908, subject to the item 'Inspector, of Markets (£195 to £230 by £5 annually) being deleted, and to acquaint you for the information of the Board that in deference to its wishes the Government has no objection to changing the designation to that of 'Inspector of Cattle Depot and Slaughter House, Kowloop,' where an officer for this work is, in the opinion of the Government, absolutely essen-

"I am to add that the question of alterations in the constitution of the Sanltary Department is receiving the consideration of . Government, and the fact that consequential changes in the Estimates do not appear in the draft Estimates for next year is due to the fact that a final decision on this matter cannot be reached in time for inclusion and will involve reference tothe Secretary of State.- 1 am, etc.,

> "F, H. MAY, "Colonial Secretary."

THE PROPOSED STANDING ORDER, On the question as to whether there should be a Standing Order on the subject of membors voting on questions in which their pecuniary interests might be involved, the following reply from the Government was read :---" Colonial Secretary's Office,

· " 23rd August, 1907. "Sir,-Referring to your letter No. 194 of the 8th inst., and previous correspondence, I am directed to state that the Acting Attorney-General's advice was sought on the 12th July

last with regard to the proposed amendments of the Standing Orders of the Board. "Mr. Gompertz desired time to consider the point and was uncertain regarding it, and in consequence this Government was unable to

place his opinion before the Board. "The matter has now been referred to Mr. Rees Davies, the Attorney-General, whose opinion is as follows:

"(1) The Statutory Power given to the Sanitary Board limits its right to make Standing Orders for regulating the procedure at its meetings, and, in my opinion, Standing Orders which seek to place a prohibition as to the right of voting would not come within the purview of the Section and are ultra vires.

"(2) An amendment to the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, might be effected by inserting after Section 13 a Section prohibiting any member from voting on. any question in which he is beneficially

withdraws the suggestion that the Board should make the proposed amendments in their Standing Orders, and will later consider (if it should seem necessary) the advisability of introducing a clause on the lines suggested in the concluding paragraph of the Attorney-General's opinion into an Ordinance embodying other points in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, which calls for

amendment. "I am to add that His Excellency the Governor is glad to observe that the member of the Board whose remarks were the means of preventing a resolution being taken, which would, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, have been ultra vires, endorsed the principle to which, it was suggested to give effect and place, declared himself in sympathy with it.—I am, | -

> "F, H, MAY, " Colonial Secretary." A QUESTION OF EXEMPTION.

The Secretary submitted to the Board the reply of the Government relative to an exemption from the requirements of Section 175 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance rgor, as amended by Ordinance No. 8 of 1907. in respect of 191 to 231 Station Street North, Mongkoktsui. The reply was in the following

" Colonial, Secretary's Office,

Ligh August, 1907.

"Sir.—Referring to your letter No. 159 of the 3rd ult. I am directed to state that His Excellency the Governor in Council is unable to permit total exemption from the requirements of Section 175 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, as amended by Ordinance No. 8 of, 1907, in the case of the houses Nos. 191 to 231 Station Street North Mong-kok-Isui.

"the Governor-in-Council has, however, granted exemption from the requirements of the Section on the condition that half the kitchen on the upper floors of each house is converted into a verandah and that a window is opened in each case from the living room on the floor into the verandah.—I am etc.,

"F. H. MAY.

"Colonial Secretary." Mr. A Shelton Hooper minuted: As Messrs D. Humphreys and Son hold certificates mentioned in Section 2 of their letter of 11th December, 1906, they can claim exemption in accordance with Section 268, of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

Mr. H. Humphreys minuted: That may be so, but Messrs, John D. Humphreys and Son are not anxious to go to the expense of testing it in a court of law. The Board are not obliged to take action and I fail to see how they can very well do so, having recommended the property for exemption on three separate

occasions. Mr. Lau Chu Pak minuted: The enforcement of Section 175 is entirely left to the discretion of the Board, who should withdraw the

THE JAPANESE NAVY.

PROPOSED SQUADRON'AT HONGKONG.

According to the Jiji, the proposal has been renewed in naval circles to organise a squadron to be stationed at Hongkong, in addition to the existing South China squadron, stationed at Shanghai. The proposal was made at the Admirals' conference of last year, but it was dropped on account of the financial condition of the Government, which would not allow of the organisation of a new squadron. Japanese Japan Chronicle.

SUBSIDIARY COINAGE COMMITTEE.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Under date the 20th ulto, the Gazette contains the following notification:-- His Excellency the Governor has been plussed to appoint the following gentlemen to serve on a Committee under the chairmanship of the Colonial Treasurer to inquire into the causes of the depreciation of the subsidiary coinage of the Colony, and to advise as to what means can be taken, with due regard to the interests of trade, to rehabilitate such coinage :- The Hop. Mr. Wei Yuk, the Hon, Mr. E. Osborne, Messrs, J Armstrong, D. R. Law, A. J. Raymond, Shewan, J. R. M. Smith, and A. G. Wood.

CORONBR'S INQUIRY

THE DEATH OF THE DIVER

Last Monday afternoon, at the Magistracy, Mr. F. A. Hazeland presiding as Coroner, and jury, comprising Messrs. H. S. Wynne, J. T. d'Almada e Castro and W. G. Clarke, conducted an inquiry touching the death of Lam Shek Kong, a diver, whose death came about on the 26th ultimo, while at work in the harbour, particulars of which we reported in a previous

Dr. C. M. Heanley, officer in charge of the

public mortuary, was the first witness called.

He said that on August 27th he examined the body of a Chinaman named Lam Shek Kong. The cause of death, in his opinion, was asphyxia. There were no injuries on the body. Lum Shek, a diver, stated that he engaged by the deceased, who was also a diver. On the day in question deceased went down into the water to look for coal. Witness remained on the junk holding the air tube. Another diver had hold of the life line. About an hour after deceased entered the water the air tube parted. Wong U Fat, the diver who had hold of the life line, was then told to pull deceased up, but it was discovered also that the life line had been cult." Witness and two others hurried over to Yau-ma-ti to get another diving suit. When this was secured a

covered the body. Wong U Fat, another assistant diver, said he held the life line for deceased when he entered the water. Suddenly the first witness ordered him to pull deceased up. Witness signalled below, but found the rope slack. Then he started to pull and found the life line cut. By a juryman—Which broke first, the air

diver named Lum Ping went down and re-

tube or the life line? -The air tube. Lum Ping, a diver, spoke as to entering" the water when it became known that deceased's life line had been cut. ting below witness found deceased lying at the bottom of a submerged junk. The air-tube had parted and the life line cut. The body was lashed to the side of the junk, Witness released the body and brought it to the

By a Juryman—With what line did he attach himself to the junk? The life line or the holding-down line?—The holding-down line was made fast to the life line.

Then there could be no communication, as this is done by tugging at the life-line, and if In view of this opinion this Government lattached to anything it would stop all coinmunication.

E. F. Gibson, a submarine engineer, explained that a junk was sunk within Alie cable area, off Kowloon Point, in about 13 fathoms of water. Witness gave the contract to deceased and his brother to remove the coal from the junk.

The Coroner—How do you come in this?— I have a contract with Government to remove all obstructions in the cable area.

Continuing, witness said that the deceased had been working for him for nearly seven years. During the past twelve months he did very little diving work as he had taken to the opium habit. On the day in question the proper diver became ill and deceased took his

The Coroner—Are you a diver?—Yes, and

have been so for seven years. . The first intimation witness got of the death of the diver was received by him at his house, Moreton Terrace, at three o'clock that afternoon. Witness went over at once. After undressing deceased, witness examined the diving year and found that the life line had been cut and the air pipe carried away. Here witness explained briefly the workings of a diver-The lunk, witness said, was lying, +-E--by: S.W. Owing to the position of the submerged wreck, lying practically across an ebb tide, a diver in going down, makes fast his air pipe and life line to the stringer of the wreck, to prevent himself being washed away. He lies himself in that position to relieve the pressure caused by the tide on his air pipe and life line.

. The air pipe was jammed between the side of the junk and a wire that was used to keep one junk over the other. This pinched the tube. When the air pipe carried away it dropped into the junk, the life line still being intact. The diver finding the air was short became flurried and cut the wrong rope. The reason why the life line was cut so far away. from the body of the diver is because the place where it was cut was attached the holding-

The Coroner—Then how do you explain this

Proceeding, withess said that if a man kept cool there was no danger if his air pine gave. as there was enough air in his suit to keep him alive for about two and a half minutes, provided he took the proper course. What deceased should have done was to shut his mouth and stuff one finger into the hole of the air-pipe. not made a mistake and cut his life line he would have been alive to-day.

That concluded the inquiry. The jury brought in a verdict of death by misadventure,

WITH AN EYE TO BUSINESS. A CHINESE FIREMAN AND THE COINAGE

Bun Fuk Sing last night thought that every Sun is a fireman on board the steamer Wat duals. The cost of the exhibition, to be de- comes still greater. For our own part w Sing. At about 7 p.m. yesterday he boarded frayed out of the State Treasury is estimated an electric tramcar and offered to the conduct. at Y10,000,000, in addition to proportionate elementary educational scheme. In some or a dollar bill in payment of his fare. The expenditure to be defrayed from the local cases it fails in its direct effect, but even so it is refused to accept. "There is an eight cent -japanese dominions abroad. The Government | thoughts to literature in its widest sense, while premium on a dollar bill," he maintained, carnestly hopes that foreign Governments will the opportunities it offers to the instructor of argued with the irate passenger that the tram- people of their respective countries to send ex- interests can never occur in the teaching of such car was not a moneychanger's shop, but Sun remained firm. "Then stop at the nearest" moneychanger's shop and get the bill changed. works and machinery from foreign exhibitors, may in capable hands be imparted by other at this stage expected trouble and dropped off ment will be placed at the disposal of exhibitors, or a modern language, a lesson by one trade has been rapidly increasing of late with the car, but Sun told them to wait and watch | The Government further hopes that foreign the ports south of Shanghai to Hongkong, and the "fun." Seizing hold of the conductor he Governments will erect their own buildings to may fulfil the whole purpose of educait is expected that the trade in and about gave him a sound drubbing. When the car represent the structures peculiar to their re-Annam may be largely increased as a result of arrived in the Central district Sun was given spective countries. Foreign Governments or the Franco-Ispanese Agreement, and that this, in charge. He was placed before Mr. C. A. | private concerns or individuals are also invited will necessitate the dispatch of warships in D. Melbourne, this morning, at the Police to erect buildings for the display of general that direction. This has led to the revival of Court, with assaulting the conductor-Cheng produce and manufactures. For the construct But if we are to keep our youth as long as the proposal referred to. An estimate for the | Kan-and damaging his clothing to the extent | tion of such buildings, space will be given free | possible amongst us, let the aims of those who organisation of the Hongkong squadron will of half a dollar. He was fined \$3 and ordered of charge, and all necessary assistance and leach be set at least as high as the laying of

RULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL THE PRENCH STREET MURDER.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO.'S APPLICATION.

The following are the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13th August last. There wer present Messrs, W. H. Wallace (Chairman), C. A. V. Bowrs, A. F. Gardiner, Huang Ts'an-chew, W. Kruse, W. Wilson, the Health Officer and the Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Kruse it was decided to call on the owner of the vacant plot of land below the Union Church and opposite the New Amoy Hotel, to have a wall built on the hill side of the property, to ensure the safety of the public using the road from Lin Tow to the Union Church.

A letter was read from the China Light'and Power Co., Ltd., asking the Council to grant them permission to supply the Island with electric light and power, The Secretary was directed to inform them that the Council would be prepared to consider favourably an application from the Company and requested them to forward at an early date more detailed information as to their proposals.

It was decided to take action against Oc-akho unless the obstruction he had built at both ends of Hillside Lane, La-kee-tab, was at once

The Superintendent of Police reported that the following cases had been dealt with in Summonses—Debt 5; assault 2; selling most not slaughtered in the Municipal slaughter house 2; obstructing the public road 1; contempt of court 1; Carrying out a burial without ers to escape 1; assault 1; attempted murder 1

CHOLERA PREVENTION ON STEAMERS.

frequently hears from members of the shipping companies the ice-chest is not attended to with I leave." anything like the care or assiduity that should be devoted to it. It is not scoured out frequently enough, and it is seldom properly disinfected or sterilised in any way; and the result | mic conditions, and the Far East is no is that fruit, fish and vegetables, jammed into | exception to this rule. We are unwilling, howcome contaminated and people, who eat as a British community in this part of the them contract promaine poisoning, which world being primarily commercial must of manifests itself in the familiar, fatal form of necessity tinge the whole character of our cholera. An expedient so simple of application I educational system. With the spread of knowthat we marvel it is not in use on all the ledge there must be an inevitable tendency steame's engaged in the local trade has just | towards early specialization, and the needs of been brought to our notice by a shipping friend, I practical life, professional, industrial and who informs us that it is in use on a good [commercial, require the close attention of many of Messrs! Butterfield & Swire's jour educationalists. No such considerations. vessels, which have so far this year en- | however, should blind anyone to the advantwhich we sincerely hope will continue to lof a sound liberal education, whatever the future consists in connecting some handy steam- I "The idea of a University" Newman says: pipe, say—that which feeds the winch,—with the ice-chest, and at convenient intervals turning on a full head of steam into the chest, particular or accidental purpose, some specific which should, of course, be kept tightly trade or profession, or study or science, is disclosed, and subjected to the action of the [ciplined for its own sake, for the perception of scalding hot steam for a couple of hours. By I its own highest culture, is called Liberal Eduthis means every corner and crevice of the cation." Again, in urging the cause of liberal interior of the chest would be reached by reducation, which, he points out, cannot be the steam, which is an excellent sterilising I regarded as an intellectual luxury suited medium, and the receptacle, when it became only for people who can lead lives of cool again, which would be in a couple of elegant lessure, that brilliant exponent of hours after the steam had been turned off. polished scholarship, the late Sir Richard Jebb wholesome for the storage of food. As we say | being powers which shall fit him for his social -it-seems to be a very-simple,-economical_and-land_physical_world.__One_mark_of an unedu-. effective expedient, and there is no reason cated person is that he is embarrassed by any why it should not be generally adopted, situation to which he is not accustomed. The The importance of a clean ice-chest cannot leducated person is able to deal with circumbe over-estimated: we believe we are justified. in saying that three-fourths of the cases of fore; he is so, because he has acquired general cholera and diarrhea which 'occur at sea during the summer months are to be traced his powers of intelligent sympathy have been directly to the ice-chest; and if the means we I developed." Into all such matiers the question have suggested for purifying this most import- I of degree enters, and it is not contended that ant article of ships' furniture should not be the preparatory school should set itself a task found practicable, some other way should be I that can only be performed imperfectly by a sought and adopted without delay.—Shanghai | University. But the foundations of a liberal

THE GRAND EXHIBITION OF *TAPAN*.

OFFICIAL INVITATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

According to the Japan Chronicle, the coming Tokyo Exhibition is designated with differ- ber of pounds, shillings and pence carnent names in foreign papers, some describing ed by this or that boy fresh from school it as an International Exhibition and others as Rather we shall ask whether, through living the Great Exhibition. The Exhibition Bureau has decided to a lopt as the English name the title "Grand Exhibition of Japan," equivalent I neighbourhoods far from stores and godowns Witness was of opinion that if deceased had to "Nihon Dai Hakurankai." Invitations have been issued to the Treaty Powers asking for support for the exhibition. It is explained that the exhibition will be held in Tokyo, reason of the emphasis judiciously laid on the and will remain open from April 1st to October 30th, 1912. It will be conducted the Government, and is intended to the largest exhibition ever seen in Japan, including exhibits of all produce, manufac- is likely to prove himself a far better citizen, if ture and works, which represent the develop- i "his powers of intelligent sympathy", with ment of the industry and civilisation, and the lother things than his immediate work have resources of wealth of the Empire. It is also been developed. If, as is more probable hoped to collect foreign produce and manu- he is to proceed to a more advanced school in electric tramcar is a moving moneychanger's | factures, by inviting the support of foreign | England, the responsibility of seeing that hi establishment. To day he thought otherwise. Government and private concerns and indivi- training should fit him for his new sphere beconductor returned him his change, but Sun | treasuries of various Prefectures, and the new | calculated to lead instinctively the pupil's "and I want the premium." The conductor voluntarily support the exhibition and urge the inculcating breadth and variety of intellectual hibits as freely as practicable. For the display of a subject as book-keeping. It is conceivable, educational, scientific, industrial and electric however, that the same humanizing influence I want the premium." Several tired passengers | three special buildings built by the Govern- means, and that, whether it be botany be included in the Budget for the next year. - to pay fifty cents' compensation to the com- facilities will be afforded for the importation of the foundation of a liberal education - N. C. the materials required for the works, etc.

FOUR MEN INDICTED.

At the Magistracy, on the 2nd inst., before Ma F. A. Hazeland, first police magistrate, the four. men-Kwok Chiu, allas Lai Kwan, of 45, Hill Road, Yau-ma-ti, Tse On, Ho Hang and Hung Kau, bag packers, residing at 300, Des Vœux Road-West-who were arrested last week in connection with the murder in French Street killed were indicted on the capital charge.

in which a capenter named um Choi was Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist appeared for one of the accused. The remainder were undefended. As the police are still collecting witnesses a week's remand was granted.

BRITISH BUDGATION IN THE FAR BAST.

The Headmaster of Weihalwei School in h annual report has thrown out a challenge consciously or unconsciously, regarding the proper functions of British education in the Far East. It is a subject that of necessity interests a large section of the British community in China, and acquires increasing importance year by year. We are not concerned with the rival merits of particular schools; but certainly no parent, and few of those who wish to see even a small section of the world in however humble a measure improved. the Mixed Court since the last meeting :- by their efforts before they have it. can remain indifferent to considerations" on so practical a subject as the cause of true education. Mr. H. L. Beer is rightly anxious to | yesterday from an agent of this concern tells | shore village or towns), at 5 o'clock next morns. attract attention to the adventages of his school, a permit 1; allowing pigs to stray 1; breach of and to achieve this object he passes in review | "as soon as Cook establishes a branch in Ma- about two hours later than expected owing fo. M. R. 2. Summary Arrests:-Conspiring to a number of the more salient features of its nila which I expect will occur sometime this the loading of a comparatively large quantity prevent servants taking service 2; breach of curriculum and of the principles upon which it | year." prison regulations 1; theft 2; assisting prison. is conducted. Starting from the premise that | Although nothing definite has been heard a new-comer on this line, being larger and ness life," he states that "no Greek and comparatively little Latin" is taught, but that more intimation regarding the movement, stress is laid upon German, "the language of | marine officers and engineers on board of haps not the best-test, of a young man's branch here. coasting steamers from cholera, and the success in life is the amount of salary he comoccurrence of these sad events once more mands." To this touchstone of efficiency the pass through Hongkong annually, the great community to the effect that sufficient attention | successes of certain "old boys" "not only | they desire to visit Manila the fact that is not always paid on merchant vessels, reflects great credit on themselves, but brings they are travelling a L. Cook, using Cook especially on those engaged in the coast trade, La certain kudos to the school." Mr. Beer also I coupon books etc., and that there is no

It is an axiom that every country, or community has educational problems of its own, intimately dependent on its social and econothe chest together, as they too often are, be-1 ever, to believe that the fact of our raison d'être joyed a happy immunity from - cholers, I ages, not to say necessity, in most walks in life, This process of training, by which the intellect instead of being formed or sacrificed to some would—be-found-to-be-perfectly—sweet-and-l-once-spid:-"Education-seeks to give the human I stances in which he has never been placed beconceptions; his imagination, his judgment, education, which in the first instance ought to be laid in the home, should assuredly be cemented more firmly and added to at the preparatory school, if the boy in after life whether at another school or elsewhere. "to be able to deal with circumstances.

> to the upbringing of our youth in the Far East it will be seen that there is little room left for an inquiry into the numin a wholly commercial atmosphere, which may well be evolved in the most salubrious a too materialistic bent has been given to boy's studies, which renders him incapable of profiting from them in after life; or whether by educative as well as on the utilitarian elements by of the school's curriculum his receptivity of new ideas has been properly cultivated. If he is to pass straight from school to business, he lieve in the advantages of Latin in even an whose own mind is properly attuned tion. In framing an educational system for so complex a community, as is ours in the Far East, we can hope to do little more than arrive at a general agreement on principles:

,which he has never been placed before,"

When we come to apply our liberal education

N. D. L. S. S. "GOBBEN."

The imperial German Mail s.s. Goeben due here on the oth inst. on her maiden trip. Built by the Weser Company, Bremen, she belongs to the new Bulow class, and has a capacity of about 0,000 tons, silength of 146 m., a breadth 17 5m., and a depth of 12m. On the trial trip, which proved exa ceedingly successful, she reached an average speed of 174 knots, her engines developing about 6.700 horse-power. The new steamer is beautifully fitted out, and calls forth genera admiration. She can carry toy first-class, 113 second-class, and 134 third-class passengers in roomy cabins for two to six persons, and by the full use of the room available a further 1,500 passengers between decks. All the rooms for cabin passengers are very spacious and excellently ventilated. They are situated on the upper half of the upper deck, so that even in bad weather the windows may be kept open. The entire arrangements on board, which have been made bearing in mind the destination of the ship for tropical seas, are excellent. The general rooms are all tastefully and attractively furnished and fitted out.

> THOS. COOK & SONS. PROPOSED AGENCY AT MANILA.

It is believed, says the Mantla Cablenows, that Thomas Cook and Sons will establish an Numaru, whence one of the Tokyo Bay S. S. agency in this city some time within the near | Co.'s small boats was expected to be dispatched future. A private communication received here | for shimoda, vid intermediate "ports" (seawhere he has applied for a transfer to Manila ling. But the boat actually weighed anchor,

most of the pupils " whether they finish in | regarding the catablishment of a Cook's tourist | speedier than those hitherto in service. The old England or not, sooner or later go into busi- | agency in this city it would appear from the | boats were recently summoned to Tokyo to letter quoted that the agent had received some

A movement is on foot with the Manila sula range on the portside as against the deep sea a rival commercial people:" and he adds. Merchants Association to induce Cook and of Sagami-Nada on starboard, the boat arrived "our seniors all learn book-keeping." The | Son to open an agency here and several weeks | at my destination shortly before 11 o'clock, via best test of a school's success Mr. Beer | ago a communication was sent to the head of It has been our melancholy duty within the finds in an inquiry into the careers the firm by the Merchants' Association with a boat was leaving for Numazu full of passenpast lew days to record the death of several of "old boys," and "the usual—per- | view to interesting them in the starting of a | gers. To my disappointment the majority of

It is estimated that coop American tourists gives point to the complaints which one so Weihaiwei School readily responds, and the majority of whom are Cook's tourists, and, Captain and the Fourth Engineer, who are Headmaster is of opinion that the pecuniary although there is no question but that to the preparation and care of food. From all we | touches upon the actual province of a school | Cook's office in Manila they do not come here. can here on the subject it would seem that the and points out that no school can turn a pupil It is understood that these points have been ship sice-chest is most frequently the subject | deficient in brain power into a competent and | brought to the notice of, the head tourist of this deplorable neglect. The galleys are clever young man, while "some boys seem lagency as well as the fact that hundreds of invariably spotlessly kept, and the food sound | born into the world with a certain inherent | Americans are "travelling to and from the and wholesome when it goes on board; but in | moral crookedness, and they often go wrong at | Philippines to the States every year via Europe the case of too many vessels belonging to local | school and continue to go wrong when they | who would, in the great majority of instances, take advantage of the Cook system if an agent were here.

> THE S.S. "TREMONT." PROBABLE CHARTER BY PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT.

There are prospects that the Boston Steamship Company's liner *Tremont*, which is due here this afternoon, may be used as a transport in the near future, reports the Manila Cablenews of the 25th inst. When the war department received the recommendation from the chief of the bureau of insular affairs. the commanding general of this division and the quartermaster general of the army. for increased transportation facilities beattend them. The expedient referred to callings of our youth may be. In his book on tween San Francisco and Manila, government inspectors were sent to the Pacific coast to examine all available ships with a view to their adoption as chartered transports. It is understood that a very favourable report has been made for the Tremont and in case the , war department should need another troopship. for its transportation service, overtures will be made to the Boston Steamship Company for

the charter of the *Tremont* by the government It is understood in Washington that preparations are also being made by the war department to ascertain the number of available steamers on the Pacific coast and those ply-Pacific coast, that could be used as transports in case of hostilities in the East which would require the transportation of a large number of

The war department will be in readiness, in case of emergency, to transport twenty thousand troops to these islands each month

provided there should be sufficient naval It is the intention of the secretary of war to make the possible relative strength of the army

for the Orient equal to that of the navy. OPIUM HOUSES AT SHANGHAI.

On the 26th July, Mr. H. Law asked the Foreign Secretary whether he has any official information to the effect that 700 opium houses in the native city of Shanghai had been closed, but that similar houses in the foreign settlements to the number of 1,920 remain open; and instruments of the steamer were reand, if so, will he say what is the ground of the duced to ashes, excepting the log. Captain distinction; and whether he proposes to take any steps in the matter.

Sir E. Grey said: The reply to the first part of the question is in the negative. According to the latest information received, discussions l are still proceeding among the Chinese authorities as to the practical steps that should be taken in the native city, and meanwhile no raction is being taken in the foreign settlements. The foreign municipal authorities have, however, stated their intention to support to the full extent of their power any practical measures that may be taken by the Chinese authorities. I have asked to be kept informed of any progress in the matter.

THE CHINA CUITON BX. PORTERS' GUILD.

The formation of the China Cotton Exporters Guild is an interesting event in the development of trade between China and Japan. The Guild, which consists of merchants exporting firemen had narrow escapes. The report their cotton to Japan, and apparently chiefly of Ispanese nationality, has been established, to I than that of the explosion of a mine, as I. quote its opening provisions, "to promote the am told by Lieutenant Kubo. Pieces of iron common interests of the cotton exporters who were thrown about, some reaching the above. ship their cargo to Japan while doing its best | The town of Matsuzaki and the neighbouring in driving the inferior cotton containing much villages were considerably shaken, and people water out of the market." For this purpose a ran out of their houses. Shoft and frames in testing house, in accordance with the pro- some houses fell down and bottles in a chemist's visions approved by the Japan Cotton Spinners' shop were thrown from the shelves. Japanese Association, is established at Shanghai in con- of all ages then assembled on the shore from nexion with the Guild, at which all regular, as various directions to witness the occurrence as well as secondary, members of the latter are | well as foreigners whom most of the inhabitants bound to have their raw cotton tested, when had not seen before. The town was crowded they export it to Japan. The rules of the or- | with spectators from neighbouring villages on ganization are carefully and comprehensively the 16th and 17th in greater numbers than drawn up, and a guarantee fund is exacted in at the time of the appual festivals in the advance of Shanghai Tls. 500 for each regular | locality, member, and Shanghai Tls. 800 from each The cause of the fire is not yet announced. secondary member. At the first general meet- but is believed to have been an explosion ing the following officers were elected :- of chemicals among the cargo. A rumour Chairman, Mr. M. Fujise (Mitsui); Committee, says that the fire was caused by friction of Messrs. K. Ogasawara (Menkwa), T. Handa matches on account of the tossing of the (Handa), S. Miyamoto (Naigai), G. Okada Intermer during the storm, The cargo of the (Tata & Co.); Manager, M. J. Yamasaki Wik consisted of paper, iron and steel, sugar,

HARBOUR RACE.

Entries for the swimming race across the harbour close on Thursday next, the 5th instants. Up to the present the following have entered:-Private Reed (Middlesex Regiment). T. Slade (Quarry Bay), A. R. Ellin (V.R.C.), Gunners Andrew and Vernon (Royal Garrison Artillery) and J. Howell (H.M.S. Britomart). whilst several others have signified their intantion of competing.

The starting point will be at the Police Pier. Kowloon, and the race will finish at the Praya between Murray Pier and the V. R. C. Start at 3 p.m. sharp, on the 24th inst. 4.59 last year's course, s.e. approximately, 1,600

The distance is about 100 yards less than yards as against 1,730 yards, from the Police Pier to Blake Pier.

THE "WIK" DISASTER.

DETAILS FROM THE SCENE OF THE WRECK.

The following interesting particulars appear in the Japan Gazette concerning the wreck of the Win the message being dated Matsuzaki, Izu, August 18th:-

The disaster that befell the German steamer

Wik off Izu Province on the 15th instant has

attracted your correspondent to it is seaside

town, where the ill-fated vessel is now lying,

still on fire. Leaving Hiranuma by the evening express on the 17th, I stayed overnight at of goods. The boat was, however, fortunately # undergo regular official examination, Steaming along the picturesque coast with the Isu Penineight "ports." Upon our arrival here another the passengers were afterwards found to be the ex-crew of the Wik; the Captain and 27 others. excepting the First Mate (representing the awaiting instructions from the steamship company concerned while watching the wreck. The departing members of the ex-crew shouted "Hip, Hip, Hurrah" three times when the time came to bid Sayonara to the wreck of the Wik. which is no longer their home. They were seen off with sympathy by local people who assembled along the seashore.

Meanwhile our sampan was pulled ashore. immediately took up my headquarters at the inn just vacated by the German seamen. It is situated on the seaside facing the wreck. My first question put before the inn-keepress was as to the interpreter, who first met the German upon their landing at the old-style town of Matsuzaki. She seemed to be proud of replying that fortunately a cortain Tokyo sludent had been staying at this inn for the summer vacation and promptly acted as an interpreter, otherwise the Germans would have been unable to communicate the disaster to Yokohama. Having had an interview with the alleged student. I was compelled to beg his pardon, myself and on behalf of the inn-keenress, for he was not a student but a Sub-Lieutenant, I.J.N. The officer, Sub-Lieut, Tautomu Kubotani, had been enjoying a vacation owing

Reserving the account of the Lieutenaut's

to indisposition.

noble action till later on, your correspondent would retell the description of the fire aboard the Wik, being a collection of reports from reliable sources, in gathering which he was fortunately successful in spite of the departure of the bulk of the crew. As already reported the fire broke out about 6 p.m. on the 15th August off Mikomotofima (Rock Island), Izu Province. The outbreak was followed by an explosion in hatch No. 2. At that time the recent storm, which caused damage in Eastern Japan, was raging and fanned the flames, so that: the unfortunate Wik met both the storm and the accident. The crew did their best to extinguish the first but all the pumps got out of ing between Honolulu, the Orient and the order and the seamen were obliged to pour water into the hatch by means of buckets. In 'such - circumstances - the fire-steadily - spreadand the crew found it impossible to remain on board. In consequence of the explosion a "boy" was killed and blown overboard. ... Ho is a young German, Osker Strouch, 18 years. old, and his body is missing. Another version says his remains may be recovered in the wreck. The steamer had four life-boats but they were also blown up in the explosion. Life-buoys only were available. Six Chinese were the first to escape and were rescued by a fishing boat. The rest of the crew were also saved-by fishing boats and brought to Matsuzaki. As the fire started from hatch No. 2 between the I forecastle and bridge, those in service on the bows were compelled to run through the flames towards the stern to find a way of escape and thereby sustained injuries. I he survivors had no time to save their effects and all the documents Carstens and all others were removed to fishing boats in the working clothes they were at the time of extinguishing the fire. The most of

> The steamer on fire was brought to Matsuzaki at 6 p.m. on the 16th in tow of three steam launches, which had been taking shelter at a neighbouring pott. It was detained at a point, about 700 metres from the shore by means of a rope, the depth of water being about five fathoms. When the steamer was brought their hatches Nos. 3 and 4 had not yet been affected, While the local police and fire brigades were rendering assistance on board or near the. burning vessel throughout the night, two or three explosions took place in succession in hatch No. 4 about 2 a.m. on the 17th. The portside was broken at a section near the stern while some plates on the starboard were also blown off. The policemen and of the explosion was much more severe

the saved crew wore only undershirts and

trousers. Some of them were barefooted and

used sort when they left for Yokohama this

morning (the 18th)

I cement, chemicals, atc.

P. & O. STEAMER ASHORE.

B.S. "PERA" AUROUND OFF KOWLOOM POINT.

Within the past week the harbour of Victoria, on the Kowloon side, has been the scene of two maritime accidents. . H.M.S. Flora grounded at Hunghom Bay on the night of Wednes-Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., ran on a sand bank off Kowloon Point right opposite the Kowloon Godowns as she was making for the wharf this afternoon.

The Pera arrived from Europe via Singapore. She entered the harbour shortly after one o'clock, and, as stated, was making for the wharf at Kowloon when she stuck in the sea bed, at about the hour of lowest water to-day, shortly after 1.30 p.m.

The Dock Company was at once communicated with for assistance in the way of sending | recently engaged by the stowaways to after the Edita to pull the Pera off. The tide was due | that plea. to set in again at 2 p.m. and would be at its maximum height by 9 o'clock to night. Howover, instead of waiting to a late hour for the told off to stand by the P. & O. boat almost as ance. 'When our representative arrived at the appeared for the remainder, scene of the accident about 3 p.m. a tow-line had already been made fast to the stern of the day, but owing to the Indravelli case, reported Pera, and the Edith meanwhile steaming full in another column, his Worship said that was speed ahead in order to dislodge the keel of | not possible as the ship saile i on Monday and the liner from the sand bed. To aid the tow- it was necessary that the evidence of the boat the Pera was also working her engines. | captain and the fourth officer should be taken. In order that an idea may be obtained of the shallowness of the water at this particular spot of the different solicitors on the depositions of the harbour it may be pointed out that the he turned to Mr. Goldring and informed him propellor of the Pera had churned the yellow. that the stowaways had already pleaded guilty mud of the bay for a length of a couple of to the charge. hundred yards, stretching across from in front . Mr. Goldring-I propose to amend that plea, of the "Star" Ferry Co.'s temporary ba ubgopier | your Worship. to well past the permanent structure now in course of completion. Shortly after 4 p.m. the Pera was got off and proceeded to the wharf under her own steam.

Fortunately the steamer has not been "damaged: She carries a full cargo of heavy steel material and is loaded right almost to Plimsol mark when seen in the harbour this afternoon.

The Pera was built in 1933, by Clarke & Co., Ld., of Belfast. She is of 7,635'gross and 4,916 net tonnage. She belongs to the "Intermediate " class of P. & O. steamers.

COUNTERFEIT COIN TRICK.

A NEWCOMER AT THE GAME.

Another trick, which is becoming quite as common as the "banknote" ruse, so well known in Hongkong, is that which is now being practised in Hongkong by a band of vagabonds. It is known as the "counterfeit coin trick." The way the trick is worked is for a man to enter a shop, make a purchase, rereceive his change—special care is taken to tender a certain sum so as to ensure the return of change—and the man starts to leave the premises. Arriving at the door of the shop he remembers that there is a premium on his bill and consequently he demands it from the shopkeeper... Needless to say the request is refused. The coolie returns the change and the goods purchased, to the shopkeeper, receives his original bill and departs. Soon after his departure the shopkeeper discovers that half the money returned him by the coolie is composed of counterfeit coips.

A case of this sort occurred at Yau-ma-ti 'last Tuesday morning.' A coolie named Su Tai Street. Mongkok, and purchased ten cents' worth of cigarettes, tendering a British silver dollar in payment. Su Tai Tsun took his change and left the shop. He returned a minute later and informed the shopkeeper that he wanted ten cents' premium on the dollar he tendered. He was told it could not be done. Some words were exchanged and the coolie three counterfeit twenty-cent pieces, Police Station, where, curiously enough, three good twenty-cent pieces were found on him

besides the dollar - all he had in the world,-Tsun was charged before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne with uttering counterfeit coins. He pleaded not guilty, but the evidence heard completely wove a net around him.

Inspector McHardy, who prosecuted, said that in case his Worship had decided to convict he would call for a heavy penalty, as this trick was getting too frequent in his district. His Worship-How long have you been in

Hongkong ! Accused—I arrived here from Canton yes-

What did you come down for?-To meet Where did you get that British dollar?-In | called on.

In Tung Kun? There are very few of these dollars in the Colony. Did you come all the Hongkong?-No. I brought the dollar here

His Worship passed sentence of three weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

arrested.

A COOL THIEF.

A somewhat crude though sufficiently impudent attempt to rob a till in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was made last week by a Chinese, reports the N. C. D. News. It appears that a Portuguese clerk was sent from the foreign department, where a shortage of silver obtained. to the Compradores' department, with an order for \$500 in silver. The shroff to whom the clerk applied had not the required sum in his tills and, in company with the clerk, he went to the strong-room for an additional supply. As soon as the shroff had left the apartment a well dressed Chinese who had evidently been watching his opportunity, slipped in through the a search was made. All the crew was wicket door, seated himself on the shroff's stool. | mustered on deck. Fourteen stowaways pocketed fifty dollars lying on the desk and then proceeded to examine the nearest till in | ten in No. 1 bunk and the other in a which he discovered a roll of notes amounting to \$2,000. Evidently with an idea of disarming | Tartar to point out the places were the stowany suspicion which might be felt by the remaining cleven shroffs who were seated in the apartment and were apparently oblivious of the irregular proceedings occurring beside the visitor calmly began to sort the roll of notes and transfer them singly to his pockets. While he was engaged at this lucrative pastime, a coolie employee of the Bank approached the desk to speak to the shroff; the strange face almost caused him to withdraw, but the unusual activity of the pseudo-shroffconvinced him that something was 'azeland, at the Police Court, last Wednesday | natives of India to pay for this relief of con- | tact in influencing the persons interested to act wrong and the alarm was given. After the forenoon, in the Tartar stowaway case, in which money he had laid hands on had been extracted | fourteen farmers are being charged with stowing | from the culprit's pockets, he was hailed off to away on board the ship, and five of the crewthe Central Police Station where he was the carpenter, the boatswain, two firemen and charged with having stolen the sum of \$50." the pantryman-with aiding and abetting the The accused refused to give any information | stowaways. concerning himself beyond the fact that he is Mr. H. G. C. Bailey, of Messrs. Johnson, a resident of Pootung.

THE . TARTAR " STOWAWAY CASE.

DATE FOR OPENING OF TRIAL FIXED.

The fourteen stowaways, who were found on board the C. P. R. liner Tartar while on her last voyage to Vancouver and who were brought day last, and to day the steamer Pera, of the back to mangkong, arriving here on the 23rd instant, as reported recently in these columns, together with the ship's boatswain, three firemen and another seamin, who were arrested for aiding and abetting the 'stowaways, were arraigned on remand before Mr. F. A Hazeland, this forenoon. " The case was called on in order that a day might be fixed for the trial. When the case was last before the Court all the stowaways pleaded guilty. But from what transpired this morning we learn that it is the intention of the solicitors

Mr. H. G. C. Bailey, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the prosecution. Six of the stowaways are represented by purpose of towing off the Para, the Edith was | Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, while Mr. P W. Goldring, of Messrs. Goldring and Barlow, soon as the Dock Co. was applied to for assist- Mr. Q. D. Thomson and Mr. R. A. Harding

> Mr. Bailey wanted the case to be opened to-When his Worship had entered the names

The opening of the case was then fixed for l'uesday afternoon next.

TRIAL OPENED.

The trial of the fourteen stowaways who were found on board the C.P. R. liner Fart in while on her last voyage to Vancouver and who were brought back to Hongkong, arriving here on the 23rd ulto., together with the ship's boatswain, three firemen and another seaman, who were arrested for aiding and abetting the stowaways, was opened before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, last Tuesday afternoon, at the Police Court

Mr., H. G. C. Bailey, of Messrs, Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the prosecution. Six of the stowaways were represented by Mr. Edgar Davidson, of Messrs, Hastings and Hastings. Mr. R. A. Harding defended three. Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for one; whilst Mr. O. "D. Thomson and Mr. H. K. Holmes appeared for three of the aiders and abettors.

His Worship-You want to alter your plea? Mr. Goldring—Yes, your Worship. Mr. Davidson—I also want to alter my clients' plea. They pleaded guilty before.

His Worship-On what grounds?-On the ground that they did not understand the charge." That is not sufficient, but I will consider the application. (To Mr. Goldring): What are your grounds for wishing to change your plea? -My client is only a boy, your Worship, only sixteen vears old. —The case against one of the aiders and aber-

tors, who was not defended, was taken first, Mr. Bailey, addressing the Court, said that since the Chinese Emigration Ordinance was passed in Canada, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, had been put to considerable trouble and expense to prevent. Chinese from stowing away on board their ships. But in spite of all this stowaways were still being found Tsun went to a tobacconist's shop at 171. Station | concealed in their boats, with the crew's assistance. In the event of Chinese landing in Canada, Mr. Briley said, the Company would be fined \$1,000 gold per head and in addition would have to pay the \$500 poll tax. In this case, the Court was reminded, fourteen stowaways were found on board the Tartar. Then again there was the inconvenience of disinfecting the vessel at the other end; in case of disease. The demanded his dollar back, placing the cigaret. | Turtur left Hongkong on 19th June and a search the counter, with the ninety cents I was made prior to her leaving when four stow-The shopkeeper returned him his laways were found. On arrival at Yokohama, the But before the coolie could leave, ship was again searched, not only by the ship's the shopkeeper found among the money officers, but by six Japanese policemen, and The 1 not a man was found. On reaching Vancouver coolie was arrested and taken to the Yau-maiti | the stowaways were found in the lower fore peak, the coal bunkers and in the hold,

Cheng Kong, one of the stowaways, was then called to the witness-stand. The said that At the Police Court, on Wednesday, Bu Tai I he was a farmer. Some time in May last he was brought down to Hongkong from the interior by two men and taken to Yokohama. -There he was taken on board the Tartar .--

Witness-I went aboard in a boat. Then I was taken down to the hold.

during the voyage? Witness-The defendant,

His Worship—Tell the defendant that I have

convicted him.

in this case?

way from Tung Kun to change the dollar in first defendant—the bontswain—took four on board at Hongkong and fed and went to get it changed yesterday and got prove in the second defendant's case that ten stowaways were found in his bunker by the Custom's officials at Vancouver. In the case of the third defendant—the ship's carpenter that he removed a panel from the side of the hold and replaced it when the stowaways had charge of the keys to the pantry.

Captain Davis, master of the Tartar, was next examined. He had been captain of the ship since 1905. By Mr. Bailey-On every voyage, captain, is

your ship searched?-Yes. On the 19th June before' leaving Hongkong did you cause the ship to be searched?—Yes.

Did you find any stowaways?-No. Witness, proceeding, said that he arrived it Vancouver on 13th July. Two days later the Customs officers went aboard the vessel and were found, three in the lower fore peak, hold. Here witness was handed a plan of the

aways were found. Mr. Bailey-Captain, is it possible for stowaways to get on board your ship and conceal themselves without the knowledge of the crew?

Mr. Holmes-That is a question for your Worship to ask.

His Worship-Yes,

Stokes and Master, appeared for the prosecuit trade,

tion. Six of the stowaways were represented by Mr. Edgar Davidson, of Messrs, Hastings and Hastings. Mr. R. A. Harding defended three. Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for one whilst Mr. O. D. Thomson and Mr. H. K. Holmes appeared for three of the aiders and abettors.

When the case was started Mr. Thomson said that he also wished to withdraw the ples di guilty his client entered and plead not guilty. on his behalf.

His Worship-I will hear arguments on that

The case against the seven stowaways, clients of Mr. Davidson and Mr. Thomson, was taken first, the remainder having already pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Davis, chief officer of the Tartar, said that on 15th July-the date the vessel arrived at Vancouver-he made a search and found the defendants, who were concealed in different parts of the ship. The ship was not under

Mr. Davidson submitted that there was no intention on the part of his clients to obtain a passage without permission as on their arrival at Vancouver the passage had been completed. His Worship—Do you mean that a man found on board ship after the drapping of the anchor

Proceeding, Mr. Davidson maintained that the Ordinance did not cover the case. If it did, he said, it was possible for a man arriving in Hongkong to be charged with stowing away on board a vessel seven years later at some other part of the world. He asked for the dis-

cannot be convicted ?-No.

charge of the accused. Mr. Thomson observed that in order to secure a conviction the stowaways must be found on board a vessel in the harbour and "intent to defraud" must be proved. He stated that in this case there was no intention to obtain a passage to Vancouver without permission, for, with the arrival of the Tariar at that port, the passage had ended, and these proceedings should have been instituted at Vancouver.

His Worship-If I leave out the word 'intent" can I convict? " Mr. Thomson-You will have to alter the

wording of the Ordinance. Concluding, Mr. Thomson said that the Ordinance as it read at the present moment only applied to stowaways found on a vessel in the harbour, or those arriving in the Colony from other ports.

Mr. Bailey contended that his Worship had full power to deal with the stowaways, and he would ask for a severe penalty. Coming to the argument of the counsel for the defence, Mr. Bailey held that if a man was found on board a ship, without a passage ticket, the intention to obtain that passage was there as the passage had not been completed. Until the passengers had landed, or the cargo discharged, the passage was not completed.

His Worship said he would give his decision in the case on Saturday.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

BRITISH M. P. IN HONGKORG.

The Honourable Ernest Amherst Villiers, senior liberal member of Parliament for Brighton, England, arrived in Hongkong by the N.Y. K. s.s. Yawata Marulast Tuesday morning. He-is-making-a-tour-of-the-Far-Kast-and-arrived

from Australia via Manila en route for Japan. The Honourable Mr. Villiers is a son of the Reverend Charles Villiers, late rector of 'Croft, Yorkshire, his mother being a sister of the first Lord Amherst of Hackney. He married in 1808 Elaine Guest, the daughter of Lord Wimborne.

The Villiers family is one of the prominent ones in Great Britain. Villiers is the family name of the Earl of Clarendon. One of the Villiers family is A. D. C. to the King.

VICEROYS AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS. IMPERIAL DECREE.

An Impérial decree dated 24th ult. reads:dered by Imperial decree, such as army reor- | quarter of the Osaka Army Division at the Mr. Bailey—Explain how you got on board. on the retired list this does not absolve him from | soldiers, receiving Y100 in return for the ser-His Worship-Who supplied you with rice | the severest penalties. Hsi Liang is further | Urakami disappeared from Tokyo, and the which the country is now passing it should be ed.—Japan Chronicle. The case against the other aiders and the clear duty of the Viceroys and Governors of abettors—part of the ship's crew-clients of provinces to exert themselves to the best of Mr. Thomson and Mr. Holmes, was then their several abilities to assist the Throne in restoring the country to a better condition, and His Worship-What are you going to prove let it be understood once for all that the Emperor will not tolerate for a moment any lazi-Mr. Bailey-I am going to prove that the liness or lack of zeal amongst the high officials of the Empire, who will be vigorously dealt with without mercy. Those who have shown them until Yokohama was reached. I shall energy and ability in their high and important duties, will be rewarded and commended. Under this last list are Yuan Shih-kai, Viceroy of Chihli; Tuan Fang, Viceroy of Liangkiang, and the Grand Secretary Chang Chih-tung, Viceroy of Hukuang. They have used the men and the materials at their hands been concealed. I shall prove that the fourth | well and successfully, and they have shown defendant is the pantryman; that he had sole I that they have put forth their whole hearts in accomplishing the Governmental reforms expected of them. The three Viceroys, therefore, deserve the warmest appreciation and recognition from the Throne for their services. Let them continue untivingly in their efforts, and let all they do be for the advantage of those above them and the benefit of all under them. Let them lay the foundation-for a wealthy and a strong Empire, for that is what their Majesties

look forward to at their hands .- N. C. D. News. THE OPIUM QUESTION.

involved for India, and he would like to know also supply opium. This matter had not places. received the attention it deserved; it had . As at present planned out the construction

THE HONGKONG COTION SPINNING, WEAVING AND DYBING CO. LTD.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for presentation to shareholders at the tenth ordinary meeting to be held at the offices of the general managers on Saturday, was as follows: iath inst, at 12:30 p.m., is as follows: --

The general managers beg to submit a statement of accounts covering the period from ret August, 1956, to 31st July, 1907.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account (including \$21,665.48 brought, forward from last year) is \$26,769.68, to which it is proposed to add the sum of \$50,000 from equalization of dividend fund, making a total of \$76,769.68, to be appropriated as follows: -To pay a dividend of 5% for the

To carry forward to credit of next year's account 14,269.68 \$76,769.68

CONSULTING COMMITTEE. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Mr. A. G. Wood retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re election.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Frank Maitland in the absence of Mr. Hutton Potts, who offers himself for re-election. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1907.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST JULY, 1907. Liabilities. Capital account\$1,250,000,00 Sundry creditors...... '613,4'>7.27 Unclaimed dividends ... Equalization of dividend fund..... Profit and loss account **16,769.68**, \$1,003,813.75 Property-comprising land, buildings and machinery\$1,303,507.93 Furniture Sundry debtors Cash.... 'Cotton, Value of Stock..... Waste Mill stores Fire Insufance and taxes pertain-

ing to period after 31st July, 1907 1,910,18 idvances against Yarn 191,500.00 \$2,003,813.75 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Remuneration to General Manaagers, 10% on balance of Working Account \$ 925. Fo—Remuneration—to -Consulting-Committee To Auditor's Fee **26,769.68** \$30,944 92

By balance from last year \$21,660.48 By Gain on Working By Transfer Fees...

\$30,444.92 THE SPY SCARE:

STRANGE PROCEEDINGS IN TOKYO.

Tamakichi, Army Lieutenant on the reserve the Tokyo Gendarmerie Office, and was exness and confusion in reforms previously or- | during the war he was attached with the headganization and schools of modern learning, in I front, as an afile de camp to the Commander. the instruction of officials and in the financial In recognition of his services, he has been dedepartment in his viceroyalty, caused by the I corated with the sixth class of the Order of the incapacity of his predecessor, Ting Chen-to. Rising Sun and the 5th class of the Order of Now this is most reprehensible on the part of I the Golden Kite. He was constantly visiting the last named Viceroy, who has lamentably a Russian army officer at the Chuo Hotel in fuled in the confidence placed upon him by Tokyo, and was giving information to him on the Throne.—Although the Ting Chen-to is now_the Japanese_Army_Regulations-for-training blame, and he is, therefore, hereby handed to | vice. After the murder of the man Mayeda, the Ministry concerned for the determination of | who was regarded as a Russian spy, Lieutenant commanded to use his best efforts to save the gendarmerie authorities had been searching for situation and restore prosperity to the region | him. He had been for a trip to Katase, and on under him. Under the difficult crisis through | his return on Monday evening was apprehend-

REMOVING CHINESE GRAVES.

An unusual and one might say interesting sight, says the Singapora Free Press, bearing in mind the circumstances, can only be seen at the foot of Tanjong Pagar Road at Kreta Ayer, where in pursuance of the resolution recently passed in Legislative Council the graves of departed Chinese are now being opened up and the remains of appeators removed to other

The scene is not altogether void of pathos and is one which again brings to the fore the respect the average Chinaman has for his ancestors."

Some of the graves are being opened in the presence of many frights both male and female, well-dressed and evidently of the upper classes, whilst the pathetic may be seen in other cases where two young coolies with a solitary broken "changkol" between them take it in turns to turn over the sods to reveal all that remains of their departed. The same contrast is perhaps even more in evidence in the means of transport to the future resting place of the remains. On Sunday morning in a journey up South Bridge Road many were passed. Here would come the remains of an old Towkay carried under a canopy and covered with much silk of fine texture and accompanied In the course of the debate on Foreign by many friends of friends and more music; Affairs, Mr. Rees said that not long since an perhaps the next procession would consist of edict was issued by the Chinese Government | three coolies, two of whom would be carrying' Whether or not that edict was to be seriously on a carrying-pole, whilst the third precedes taken he did not know, but if it was there was the procession with a few sprigs of bamboo in a matter of 3,500,000 or 4,000,000 of revenue | either hand and perhaps a red rag fastened to one, piping away on an old tin whistle.

how the Indian Government was to be recouped | The community undoubtedly owe a bebt of for this loss on opium cultivation. He was not | gratitude to those friends of the departed who opposing the suppression, but he spoke in the have without trouble or bickering risen to the interests of the Indian Government and the occasion and removed these remains in order royts. The trade in opium between India and | that the hill may be emptied into the Harbour China was a tenth of the whole consumption; wholesale for protective works. The thanks of DECISION RESERVED.

and, if we were to take the action suggested, the Council are probably due to the Chinese Further evidence was taken by Mr. F. A. let it be made clear that we did not wish the Advisory Board and for having used their sciences in this country. (Cheers.) Let it be as they have done, especially when one bears known what was to be done by Persia, French in mind the natural antipathy the Chinaman Indo China, and the Dutch Government, who has to any interference with adcestral resting

> escaped notice in the high tide of human- of all the Harbour and Dock Works will itarianism, which was to sweep away the opium practically entail the levelling of all ground. between Tanjong Pages and the River.

JUDGE WILFLEY AND THE AMBRICAN BAR.

LAWYER CURTIS FINED.

In the United States Court for China on 26th ult., Judge L. R. Wilfley delivered judgment in F. Curits and H. A. C. Emery. The judgment

Respondent H. A. C. Emery is here charged with contempt of court in this, that he disregard- lile a petition with the Court it would receive ed and disobeyed an order of this Court direct. | due consideration. Prior to this time Mr. ing him to appear before it and give an account of his administration of his father's estate, of which he was executor.

with contempt of court in this, that after have ing knowledge of the rule of the Court relating | show that Mr. Curtis was in Court on the tenth to the admission of attorneys to its Bar, and of June last when an examination was held after failing and refusing to comply with the | under the rule; that he did not comply, with requirements of said rule though given an op- the rule but after hearing the questions and portunity so to do, he, in violation of said rule. appeared in Court as counsel for respondent Emery in the matter of the settlement of his the examination was concluded, but that if Mr. ather's estate.

ing facts: On the twenty-fourth day of July, 1907, this Court issued a citation to respondent H.A.C. Emery, a resident of Cheloo, directing, him to appear before this Court on Monday, to conclude that the action of respondent Emthe twelfth day of August, 1907, for the pur- | ery in not appearing in response to the above puse of producing all of the documents and other evidence requisite for showing and proving his acts as executor of the will of his amounting to contemptuous conduct. father, David A. Emery, and for the purpose of showing the assets and liabilities of said estate. I ing employment as counsel and undertaking to and for giving such other information as might be necessary for completely reporting his ad- with the rule of the Court, his disrespectful ministration of said estate. The citation was Emery in due course, whereupon said Emery to hear him because he was not a mem- this matter was intended to be and was in fact ber of the Bar of the Court, never having complied with the rule of the Court relating to the admission of attorneys to the Bar. On the twenty-first day of August the Court issued a court, and sentences the former to pay a fine of citation to said Emery, which, after showing I wenty Dollars, U.S. Currency, and the latter that he had been cited to appear before the to pay a fine of Forty Dollars, U.S. Currency, Court on the twelfth day of August and having hand all the costs of these proceedings; and in failed and neglected to appear in accordance | the event of their failure to pay said fines withwith the citation and having failed to furnish the Court with any good season for so doing, directed to confine the former for a period of directed him to appear on the following day, five days and the latter for a period of ten days August twenty-second, to show cause, if any he in the jail of the American Consulate at had, why he should not be punished for con- | Shanghai,

The record also shows that respondent George F. Curtis appeared in Court on August twenty-first, and again undertook to present M. Emery. On August twenty- to give notice of appeal to the United States second, respondent Emery appeared in Court and gave his testimony in response to the above mentioned citation, at the conclusion of which the Court directed the Clerk to issue a citation to respondent Curtis requiring him to appear on the following morning at ten o'clock to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court by reason of his having attempted to appear in Court in the capacity of an attorney in violation of the rule and order of Court relating to the admission of lawyers to its Bar. Respondent Curtis, who was in Court, immediately rose and stated that he had been present in Court and heard respondent Emery's testimony and that he was ready

to appear and explain his conduct in connect tion with the case, and waived service of citation. He was then sworn and made a full statement in regard to his conduct in this matter. The evidence of Mr. Emery shows that on the third day after his arrival in Shanghai he employed Mr. Curtis to represent him as counsel

in the matter of making a full settlement of his father's estate. He testified that he did not know that Mr. Curtis was not a member of the Bar of this Court although he had been apprised of the fact that Mr. Curtis had had some A Tokyo dispatch states that Mr. Urakami | trouble with the Court. He testified further, that Mr. Curtis did not inform him of the aclist, was summoned on Tuesday morning by | tion of the Court in refusing to let him appear as counsel; and that he did not see an account | petition, if unexplained, charges you with un-Decree stating that a memorial has been re- amined for two hours. He was ordered to lof the same in the Shanghai daily newspaper, ceived from Hsi Liang, Viceroy of the Yun- proceed to the Procurator's Office in the Tokyo He stated further that he had no knowledge of Kuei provinces, complaining of the backward. Court on the following day. It is stated that this fact until he was cited to appear to show cause why he should not be punished for con- | court against him. He fully expected to have tempt five days thereafter.

> of the Bar, and that he also informed him of the fact that the Court refused to permit him to to ask for an extension of time in which to preappear in his behalf immediately after the event happened. He stated in one part of his testimony that he appeared for the purpose of aiding Mr. Emery in every way he could in the matter another part of his testimony he stated that it was his purposes to use this opportunity to test | appeal in the case. the legality of rule of Court relating to the admission of lawyers to its Bar. On this point | he testified as follows: "As I understand the further explanation, and he had prepared and. rule of court, I could not test the rule of this | filed the following affidavit which he wished to Court to question my right to appear as couose! form part of the record :--. for Mr. Emery unless there was some overrula This is conclusive on the proposition that Emery as attorney at law and not as attorney

sented in Court by an attorney... After a careful examination of all evidence in this case, the Court is unable to accept as true the whole of the testimony of either of these gentlemen. In the first place. it is altogether improbable that Mr. Emery would have permitted Mr. Cuttis to appear in I his behalf as counsel if he had known positively that Mr. Curtis was not a member of the Bar of the Court, and had realized that by so doing he would thereby violate a rule of the Court. It is also highly improbable that Mr. Emery. was not apprized of the fact that his counsel twenty-first day of August and was not confined to his room on account of illness during the Court.

Mr Emery in not appearing before the Court between the sixteenth and twenty-first of August is reprehensible, and the action of Mr. Curtis in undertaking to represent Mr. Emery as Mr. Curtis has been guilty of herein makes such conduct a criminal offence punishable by fine or imprisonment, and the law of all jurisdictions makes such conduct contempt of Court, Mr. Emery's reasons for not appearing in tesponse to the citation are not satisfactory to the Court, nor does the explanation which Mr. Curtis has given of his conduct convince the Court that he was acting in good faith. Furthermore, during these proceedings the attitude of mentative, defiant and discourteous, as has been { Court whatsoever. his attitude towards the Court privately and The Court then adjourned until August 27.

publicly sioce his return to Shanghai. The Court is no. convinced that Mr. Cuttis meant to test the Court's rule relating to admission of attorneys to the Bar, in Mr. Emery's case, because both on the sixteenth and twenty-first of August he endeavoured to file a petition and to make a speech in Court on the subject of the contempt of court proceedings against G. the wisdom and legality of the rule of Court relating to the admission of attorneys to the Bar. On both of these occasions Mr. Curtis was informed by the Court that if he would Curtis had served notice on the Court, privately of his intention to test the rule of the Court by mandamus proceedings in the Respondent George F. Curtis is here charged United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit. The records of the court also answers in open Court, arose and asked for, an xamination to which the Court replied that Cuttis would file his application and certificates The record in this case discloses the follow- of character in compliance with the rule they would receive careful consideration. (See Mi-

nutes of the Clerk, June 10th, 1907.) In view of the foregoing, the Court is forced mentioned citation evidences a disregard, neglect and disobedience of an order of the Court

The conduct of respondent Curtis in acceptappear in Court as such without having complied and defiant attitude in Court during the proserved by Consul-General Fowler upon said | ceedings, and his general attitude towards the court both in private and in public since his came to Shanghai, arriving here on the after. I return to Shanghai in May of this year, connoon of August twelfth." On August sixteenth | vince the Court beyond a doubt that he meant respondent Curtis undertook to appear in this | to proceed in utter disregard of and disobedience Court for said Emery and the Court refused | to the rule of Court, and that his conduct in contemptuous.

The Court therefore finds H. A. C. Emery. and George F. Curtis guilty of contempt of in twenty-four hours, the Maishal is hereby

Mr. Andrews said he appeared for Mr. Curtis, and on his behalf wished to note an exception to his Honout's decision, in so far as it concerned Mr. Curtis, and Counsel wished ircuit Court.

His Honour said the appeal would be noted, but the Court Marshall would see that the judgment was carried out meantime.

Mr. Andrews-We will of course be perfectly willing to may the fine, but it will be paid under protest,

Mr. Curtis paid the fine in Court, under protest. FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

His Honour then announced that a citation. would be issued to-day to Mr. Lorrin Andrews for an investigation of his professional conduct in the appeal case of S. R. Price in the United States Court Ninth District. now pending; and the Court would issue a citation to the said Lorrin Andrews requiring him to explain his said conduct or to show cause why he should not be punished by this Court for unprofessional conduct, involving moral turpitude. This citation would be handed down by the Court itself this morning

at to o'clock. Mr. Andrews said he presumed the Court

would file specific charges against him. lis Honour-Yes. You will know exactly what the Court charges you with, and the Court will give you ample time. It is not in the nature of contempt proceedings; it is an investigation of your professional conduct and it is not in the nature of contempt at all. The professional conduct involving moral turpitude. Mr. Curtis said that his time had recently been taken up in the charges of contempt of the charge filed against him in order that he _Mr,_Curus_testified_that_he_informed_Mr, |-might-defend-the-same,--He had-been upable Emery at the outset that he was not a member | to proceed with his appeal in the Cunningham v: Rodgers case and therefore he wished

pare his appeal. In reply to his Honour Mr. Cuttis said he would like about another two weeks. "His Honour said the court may not be sitas attorney in fact (See record pp. 7 & 9), and in Ling two weeks from date, but Mr. Curtis would be allowed time in which to proceed with his

Mr. Andrews said he had understood time would be allowed Mr. Cuitis in which to make

G. F. Curtis being duly sworn deposes and ing of my right to be here." (See record, p. 9). I says: -That he is an Attorney and Counsellor-Mr. at-law, a member of the Bar of the Supreme Curtis intended to appear in behalt of Mr. | Court of the United States and of all the Courts on record of the state of New York; and that his in fact. He then went on to show that Mr. In me is duly enrolled as a member of the said Emery had been very ill since he had been in I Courts in the office of the Secretary of the State Shanghai, and for this reason be had not ap- of New York: That deponent is also a memberneared in Court to obedience to the citation. of the United States Consular Court at Shang-On the other hand Mr. Emery gave the Court | hai, China: And by virtue of being a member to understand that the reason he did not lobey of said Courts, and by virtue of Section 5 of the citation was that he thought he was repre- I the Act of June 30th 1906 creating this Act, claims to be a member of the Bar of this honourthe able Court; That on the 22nd day of. August 1907 deponent was scated in the Court room of this Court during its sees on when one Henry Emery was being examined by this Court as to certain private matters: That at the conclusion of said examination the Judge of this Court stated that a citation would issue for contempt of Court against this deponent, who at that time and throughout the session of said Court was sitting quietly in said Court room and not making any attempt to who had come here mainly for the purpose of address the Court or take part in the proceedmaking a final settlement of his father's estate | ings: That upon the Judge making that statement dependent came forward and said was refused permission to appear in his behalf | he was ready to answer to any charge made until five days after the event occurred. While | against' bim and to give him any explana-Mr. Emery did not present himself in Court or | fion the Court might wish to hear, and for to the American Consulate, he was nevertheless | the account of the subsequent proceedings in the City of Shanghai from the sixteenth to the depondent refers to the report of the official stenographer made of the proceedings of said session and makes the same a part of this regarding the suppression of the opium traffic. | the remains done up in an old "gunnie" slung | that time. He was seen in public places by affidavit. 'That, at the conclusion of said proceedings the Court stated that a citation would In view of the foregoing facts, the action of be issued against deponent, that thereafter and in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of August 1907 deponent called at the Court room of this Court and interviewed the clerk, one F. E. Hinckley, and requested a copy of the citation in violation of the rule of Court was highly or the charge against deponent and was inreprehensible. The law of some jurisdictions formed by said Hinckley that no citation or charges had been filed, and that deponent had better see the Judge at the Astor House. Deponent sent his card to the Judge's room and if received word that the Judge was out; but no citation or charges had been served upon deponent up to the time of the signing of this

affidavit: and deponent is unaware of the exact nature of said charges wherein a contempt of Court is alleged. That descent has practised law for the last seventeen years, and is utterly Mr. Curtis towards the Court has been argu- unaware of having committed any contempt of

CORKESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

THE NAVY LEAGUE AND ITS NEGLECTED DUTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELECRAPH." Sir, -The statement sent to the Press on be half of the present majority of the Executive Committee of the Navy League, over the signature of the League's President, is so remarkable a document that we ask your leave to comment

upon it. In the first place, it indicates the final abandonment by the League of its critical function, and the substitution of education as its primary

In the next place, the majority of the Committee definitely range the Navy League on the side of the policy of naval reduction pursued by the present Cabinet; while, as if to prove still further the completeness of their confidence in that Cabinet, they announce their belief that "command of the sea is now the first object of national policy.".

In spite of the facts that this Cabinet was returned to power pledged to the hilt to cut down expenditure on both services; that the Prime Minister has repeatedly affirmed his ardent desire to reduce armaments; that 122 members of the present House of Commons specially appealed to him in 1906 to reduce the Navy; that a very large part of t e supporters of the present Government entertain ideas so wildly remote from reality as to suppose that arbitration can be substituted for war, and that this very Cabinet has made p oposals at the Hague Conference which involve the restriction of the power that command of the sea confers, and which have made both itself and Britian the laughing-stock of every this insignificant rat what I can do." Getting Chancellery in Europe;-the Committee of the Navy League still believe that to attain the command of the sea is the principal object that

this Cabinet has in view ! Probably, in the whole of our history, no belief more strikingly at variance with all the evidence of facts was ever held by a body of men to whom some degree of responsibility was supposed to attach. If this were indeed the. principal object of the Ministry, what a cry of pious horror, what a shout of fury and disgust, would go up from the great body of that Mi-

pistry's supporters'! After this, it is hardly surprising to find that the Committee in effect repudiate their own letter to the Prime Minister of July 11th last, their own letter to the Press of October 19th last, their own official pamphlet of May last, and their own atticle (for which they had specially acknowledged responsibility) in the current-July-number of the Navy League Iournal.

In the first of these letters they urgently protested against reduction in the programme of planation and was struck across the face. naval construction, affirming that "not three, returned the blow. Securing a stick defendant por four, but five armoured ships" should be came into the street and approaching witness laid down; and in the second (their protest then, is the case in a nutshell: Political considerations, implying subservience to the outcry for retrenchment, have brought about a serious reduction in our first line of defence, a direct incentive to our possible adversaries to push forward their naval preparations." Tdtheir behalf, went even further, for in the November number of the Journal he wrote: "The reductions, then, are political, and

undoubtedly suspect." In their official pamphlet of May, the statement that the Navy is not up to the two Power standard, far less possessed of a margin over it, is made with the most definite precision. The fighting values of the principal fleets of the world are there estimated in points. The number of these assigned to Britain is 747; to | theirs. France and Germany, 744; to the United States and France, 810; and to the United States and Germany, 752. And it is added that each of these combinations is "as strong as, or stronger than, the British Navy, and could place England in a most perilous position.".

At the annual meeting on May 15th, our op-Navy League Journal-"the Official Organ of the Navy League," as it had previously been styled. They must now disavow all responsibility for this pamphlet, and explain to those whom-they-give-it-that-nothing-therein-printedis to be taken seriously. We publicly ask the President of the Navy, League, whether the Committee propose to follow this course; and

if not, why not? But even the inconsistency of the Committee's contradictory voices on the subject of the two-Power standard fades into comparative insignificance by the side of their self-contradiction in regard to "the organisation of the First Line Fleet for instant service." For, barely a month has elapsed since they sent to the Press advance-proofs of their article, above referred to, in which they conclusively showed that the First Line Fleet is NUT organised for instant service. And now they effectually repudiete their previous demonstration.

The present utterance of the rulers of the Navy League amounts, in short, to the definite denial of the previous utterances which they had launched upon the world. The very conditions which they postulate for action have been proved by themselves to exist, and now, in order to avoid the action," they deny the conditions. Their position is that on the one hand they have shown the country to be endangered, and, on the other, they decline any attempt to render it safe.

Could self-stultification and abnegation of duty be more clearly shown?

Since the Committee cling to their officedespité their recent condemnation by the votes of those present at the most representative meeting of the Navy League ever held-their right course now is to declare the League's dissolution, and thus leave free space for the creation of a new Organisation which shall seek to fulfil the needs of the country and of the Empire.

But whether they follow this course or not, that new Organization will be created. " We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully, (Signed) HAROLD F. WYATT. (Signed) L. GRAHAM H. HOR FON-SMITH 4, Paper Buildings,

Temple, London, E.C. July 31st, 1907.

THE CHIRLI VICEROYALTY.

There are persistent rumours in the North that Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai will not return to Tientsin but will enter the Grand Council, and that the Chihli Viceroyalty is to be given to Viceroy Tuan Fang. Notwithstanding this, it is probable that no one but H.E. Yuan Shih-kai is conceded by Their imperial Majestics to be fitted for the arduous duties of Viceroy of Chihli, while, at the same time, no one is more suitable for his post in Nanking than Vicerov Tuan Faug. Under the circumstances we believe that Viceroy Yuan will be kept in Peking only so long as his advice is needed concerning the proposed reforms in the Government, and then he will be asked to return to Tientsin with, very likely, greater power to start a constitutional government, sided by Vicercy Tuan Fang in the Liangkiang,-N. C. D. News.

KOWLOON SMALL TALK.

FUNNY NAMES BRING TROUBLE.

Mrs. Short, of t, Granville Avenue, Kowloon, offices of the company, 12 Queen's Road summoned James Wilson, fourth officer of the Central, I st Wednesday afternoon. Mr. G. C steamer Zaften, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, for Mozon presided, and there were present Messes. assault. A cross-summons was served on Mrs. . Short for using insulting and indecent lan-

His Worship (to defendant)-Do you admit assaulting her?-Yes. You plead guilty?—I had a reason for so

You must either plead guilty or not guilty to the charge,-I plead not guilty

Mrs. Short, wife of Sergeant Short, R. G. A., said that at about half-past six o'clock on Saturday evening she was in her house. It was tea time and witness and her children were having tea. 👊 🔻

His Worship—Yes, and what happened? Witness-My busband was pretty late in returning home that evening. I sent my little girl to see if her father was coming, and she hadn't time to look through the window when a friend of the accused—William Lambert-turning to the accused, asked : " Did you see that monkey face?" Witness heard the insulting remark and went out to the accused | below :-and his friend. Witness asked why he insulted her daughter. Lambert replied: "You are a liar. I'll call my friend." Witness returned to the garden." Then accused went up to witness and said: "Woman, what's the matter with you? You are drunk." Witness tendered an ap-. propriate answer, whereupon defendant slapped witness's face. Witness struck back and. calling to her daughter, she said :- "Go and get your father's walking stick and I will show the stick, the witness said, she went after the accused, who seized her and, taking away, the stick from her, accused struck her with it several

His Worship-Why should he hit you? He does not know you. Witness-These two lads have been insult-

ing to my daughter. The cross-summons was then heard: James Wilson, fourth engineer, s,s. Zofico, said that on Saturday last he met Lambert and both went for a walk. Passing Mrs. Short's house a little girl, who was looking out of the window, twisted her face and, addressing accused and his friend, said: "Oh! you monkey!" Lambert replied: "I don't know who is the biggest monkey." Defendant came out soon after and, calling Lambert an "insignificant bally rat," asked why her daughter was insulted. Witness | gaged in journalism in the Far East. Mi and his friend went away and accused returned accused witness of insulting her daughter. Witness went up to the wall for an exstarted to belabour him with the stick. Wit-, started to slap his face, which, he said, "went flush and was swollen." Defendant, he alleged.

was intoxicated at the time. Mrs. Short—I'll have him up for defamation

of character. "1 struck her four times," concluded the witway would have done the same." William Lambert was then called and examined. He corroborated the last witness's

"is Worship—What questions have you to

ask this witness? Defendant-Simply that he has been the cause of the whole trouble. He and his sisters have constantly been insulting my daughter, saying that "her face was just as good as

Ilis Worship-Have you been insulting defendant's daughter?

Witness-No. Then what reason baseshe for saying so?-

don't know. Defendant-The reason is this. That I do not allow my daughter to associate with Lamponents disavowed all responsibility for the | bert, who is known to be a "rather fast" chap l at Kowloon:

> His Worship bound both parties over in the sum of \$100 each to keep the peace for a year.

> > NAVAL GUNNERY.

published scores, the King Alfred, flagship of Phra Nang arrived at Tacoma in June, 1842, Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur W. Moore, K.C.B., and was met at the dock by practically all the Squadron, stands at the top of the list in the by the mayor and other officials, welcoming prophetic. For the Guild System of England gunlayers tests of this year. Of course, all the the vessel and its officers. Banquets were scores have not been published, but in any | held and the merrymaking lasted through a case that of Captain Thursdy's ship will take | day and night. some beating. With her 9'2 in. guns, of which she carries a couple, the two guntayers scored | Northern Pacific, to which company the Phra 15 Thits out of 19 rounds, and had the gunlayers of the 6 in. weapons done as well the | added the steamships Tacoma, Victoria and score would have been unapproachable. The Olympia. These vessels were operated on the 6 in, guns, of which she mounts to fired 179 | route for several years, but it was not long berounds, and made 98 hits. The score for the | fore it was necessary to add more and larger ship, therefore, stands at 76'11 points, and that of the best next ship of the Fleet, the battle- | Mutual Steam Navigation Company entered ship Prince of Wales, is 62'98 The Astrae, the field and placed a large number of vessels Captain C. L. Vaughan-Lee, of the China on the run, among which were the Ping Susy. Squadron, has also done well, both with her | 4 in, guns and the smaller quickfirers, the former making 88 hits on the target—of which 47 were bullseyes—out of 94 rounds, and the found the mark. The Flora, Captain Hubert Grant-Dalton, discharged 16 rounds from her l couple of 6 in, guns, and hit the target every shot, but as bulls, only count her actual score was 11 hits. The eight 4'7 in. guns which form her secondary batteries made 35 bulls, out of 66 rounds, the bull being just missed by 24 other shots,

A HINT TO TRUCK OWNERS.

Inspector Ritchie, of the Central Police Station, charged two truck coolies at the Police Court, last Thursday, with recklessly driving a truck in the public street and doing damage to the extent of \$7 to a public ricksha. The accused admitted the charge, but said they pass without colliding with it. The rick- in carrying freight from here to the Orient. sha coolie denied this. His vehicle, he said, was in the side-channel in Queen's Road, and Siberia have demanded great amounts of charge of a truck came careering down Peel Street at such a rate that they failed to switch | points, but the demand has increased to such the truck round either to left or right on entering Queen's Road, with the result that the loperated there from the Sound, sailing oa.a truck ran into his ricksha, doing considerable fortnightly schedule.

the Court, said that defendants were ordinary street coolies and did not have the means to | Soshen Kaisha will see the addition of another compensate the ricksha coolie. The truck, he fleet of large Oriental freight and passenger said, they hired for the day. Mr. Hazeland | vessels, The Osaka Soshen Kaisha, while it ordered each coolie to pay \$3.50 compensation I is little known in Seattle, is a well-established to the owner of the ricksha.

trus and he was fined Src.

H. PRICE & CO., LID. STATUTORY MEETING.

The statutory meeting of shareholders of H Last Thursday forencon, at the Police Court, Price and Company, Ltd. was held in the -I.-Scott-Harston and A. Kumjahn, directors; A. E. Robinson, manager; A. R. Lowe, Chan Kai Ming, Lo Tsz Chun and E. J. Moses.

The Manager read the notice calling the The Chairman said :- Gentlemen, - This meeting is purely formal and is called to comply with the Companies Act. I have only to inform you that the company has done fair business since its formation and prospects are oncouraging. I thank you for your attendance.

That is all the business. The meeting then ended.

> HONGKUNG COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.

We have received the Calendar for the secsion commencing 16th inst. The subjects and lecturers will be as given in the table

١,	subject.	LECTURER		OF LEG	
l	Anatomy I	r. R. M. Gibson		Alice Hospi	Memorial
	•	r. H. Macfarlan	, ,	Queen	College
١	Medical Juria }	r. F. Clark	{	Sanitary	Inklitute
	Tutorially	or. Ho Ko Tsun		Alice Hospi	Memorial
٠	Osteology Midwifery and J Oynecology	Or. G. F. Aubres	. (Alice Hospi	Memorial
	Practical I	or, W. P. A. Mo		Quoen's	
	Surgery	r. W. V. M. Ko	сЬ{	Govern: Hospi	nent Civil
ļ	Biology	l. II. Crook, † aq		Queen's	
	Pathology and Bacterlology	Dr. C. M. Heanl	cy	Instit	
-	Physiology			Alice Hospi	Memorial tal
	Practice of { Medicine (Dr. F. Keyt		Alice Hospi	Memorial. Ital
	MateriaMedica			Alice Hospi	Memyrial ital _n
-	Tetorial Mid- wifery and Medicine	Dr. Jeu Hawk		Tung Hospi	WA b

DEATH OF MR. B. C. PITTAR BRSKINB.

Clincial work from 10 to I daily.

We regret to announce the death, which occutred late last night, of Mr. E. E. Pittar-Erskine, who had for many years been en-Erskine had been ailing for several months, to her garden. From over her garden wall she and on Saturday his condition became so serious that he was removed to the Government Civil Hospital. He recovered somewhat He on Monday but had a relapse yesterday and passed away shortly before midnight. Mr Erskine, like most journalists, had led a roving life, although he did not originally engage in disregarded) they deliberately stated:- "Here, | ness got the stick away from her. Then she | newspaper work. He had spent several years in India, and in the course of his travels | visited Japan, where he worked in Nagasaki and Manila. A few years ago he came to Hongkong and became associated with the Editorial Department of the Hongkong Telegraph. He made many friends, and his death miral. Fremantle, whom they now quote on ness, "and anyone who was treated in that is deeply regretted by those who were his colleagues." 'The funeral took place at the Protestant Cemetery this afterne. in.

THE PACIFIC TRADE.

GROWTH OF ORIENTAL FLEET

Since the advent of trade relations between the Sound and the Orient in 1892, when the German steamship Phra Nang inaugurated regular service, the Oriental fleet has grown -rapidly,--remarks---a--Seattle---contemporary. Vessels of the largest and most modern type have been placed on the route. The number of sailing have increased from a monthly schedule until now there are from five to eight of these large liners leaving every month. The modern liners now on the route are all able to put the entire cargo of the vessels firs operated on the route in any one hatch and are capable of carrying about four times the amount taken by the vessels which first entered

the cound? -Fisteen years ago the old German steamship Phra Nane made the first trip to the bound So far as has been ascertained by the from the Orient on a regular schedule. The

Trade developed to such an extent that the Nang was chartered, increased the fleet and vessels to the route. About this time the China" Oopack, Chingwo, Teenkai, Pak Ling, Kintuck

With these vessels in the field the Olympia Tacoma and Victoria were withdrawn and 6 and 3 pounders fired 151 rounds, of which 86 | placed in the coastwise trade. Shortly after the withdrawal of these vessels, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha entered the field operating between Seattle and the Orient giving a fortnight-Liv service out of Seattle.

> Trade relations continued to grow and the Great Northern Steamship Company placed the Dakota and Minnesota, then the two largest freighters afloat, in the Oriental trade, with Seattle as a terminus. The Holt line, owners of the China Mutual line, could not handle the freight offering with the vessels they had on the route and built several new ships especially for this trade, running from Liverpool to the Orient and Puget Sound.

> The vessels were completed a little over a year ago and one by one the China Mutual i liners were replaced by these larger modern

> During the past two years North China ports freighters were fixed to carry supplies to those an extent that a regular line is now being

The announcement of President Earling, of Inspector Ritchie, in reply to a question by the Milwaukee road, that that company has entered into a trade agreement with the Osaka line operating in the Japanese coastwise trade' l fleet la about 3,000 gross. 📈

THE GUILD SYSTEM OF THE FAR BAST.

Of the various institutions which nursed the early political life of Europe, pone, perhaps, question of the infringement of foreign trade exercised greater influence than the Mediceval | marks and hong names is occupying an in-Guilds. Formed for commercial and other | creasing amount of attention in business centres European history. Round the Guilds centred | Dr. Morrison and others. What appears to be the life of medizeral towns, and it was in the a really flagrant case has recently occurred in for definite political ends. On the Continent, bess of the matter, and clearly demonstrates results, because it had to struggle, not only the subject. A Japanese merchant, as in so against the claims of Feudalism, but also many recent cases, is the culprit, and the well against those of Emplie. But in England, know firm of Messrs, Carlowitz and Co. the and wherethe Crown never put forward imperial lout China for years under the hong name of pretensions, the Guild system soon bore fruit. Lee Woo, and, amongst other lines, is doing Accustomed from the earliest times to mutual a very extensive business in toilet soan. responsibility, and taught the art of political re- The packages bore the hong name, and thus presentation by the gradual growth of the Jury steadily acquired for it a high reputation. the tales of its successive victories at length | into the China market and was commanding a reacted upon the Continent, whose political I large sale. Upon investigations being made The result, to-day, is that Europe has a healthy, Osaka had not only appropriated the name. constitutional life, the origins of which are, but had actually succeeded in registering to a great extent, to be sought in the early | at Tokyo as his trade-mark, thus profiting medicvel Guilds.

To all Europeans in China these facts are of the greatest interest, because, on the one hand, China is struggling towards a Constitution, and on the other, the Guild System has, for centuries, been one of the salient features of the lie of the Far East. In Japan, it dates from the of Registration at Tokyo, "The application 14th and 15th centulies when the Ashikaya of Messis. Carlowitz was accompanied by Shoguns ruled in Kyoto, and monopolies of all a number of documents, including communicthe principal staples were sold to associations of merchants at prices highly remunerative to the Government. The guilds so formed were joint-stock corporations, the shares of which were transferable by sale, or bequeathable from father to son. In the seventeenth century, a further development took place, when the kakaya or "agent" took over from the Samurai, placed in charge of "store mansions," the business of converting into money the rice which formed the incomes of feudal chiefs. Corresponding with the kaka-ya of Osaka: was the fude-sashi of Yedo, who exercised similar functions. From the beginning of the eighteenth century. these sude-sashi were organized into con- on the appeal which Messrs. Carlowitz are federations, each subdivided into six classes with six houses in each class. Finally, in the middle of the eighteenth century, the organization of the Guild was borrowed from the fishmongers of Yedo, and applied to nearly every branch of trade, to maritime enterprise and to operations connected with currency. In Korea the Pedlar's Guild dates back for failed to grasp the foreigners' point of view centuries, and almost every commodity has and to render justice where it appears to be

been handled by similar associations. is most worthy of attention. Its origin is I nation, but we enjoy a code of laws at home clearly given in the Constitution and By-laws which strictly put down any such unfair of the Ningpo Guild at Wenchow, which, in a practices, and it is to be hoped that Japanese preamble, says "Weikuan were first establish- officials will realise the importance, for the ed at the metropolis by mandarins among sake of the nation's reputation and ultimate compatriots or fellow-provincials for mutual prosperity, of refusing to allow any system aid and protection. Subsequently, merchants I trade piracy to be carried out with impunity. formed-Guilds-like-those-of-the-mandarinate; |-Perhaps-Japanese-law-ib-at-present-defectiveand now they exist in every province." These if so, it should certainly be remedied so as to metropolitan Guilds, which served as a model, give sufferers the necessary protection. The were probably known as early as the Tang | particular case in question again emphasizes. centuries, and, being of the nature of clubs, I mark regulations by China, and it is exceedtheir origin may have been much more ancient. I ingly desirable that Japan and all the Powers To-day, foreigners apply the term Guild to two classes of institution, to Weikuan or "Clubhouse " and to Kungeo or " Public Halls." The former may be compared to Chambers of Commerce, and the latter to Trade Unions. They exercise a general supervision over their members, and protect them from commercial frauds. hey fix the market rate of all kinds of produce and insist upon equitable dealings with the outside world. Their rules are read in the Courts of China as if they were part of the statutory law of the Empire, and the Central Govern- port and leased territory of Wei-hai-wei. The ment would, probably, hesitate to consider, possession is small in territorial extent, but against their known wishes, almost any subject | one presenting a remarkable illustration of the whether commercial or political. In addition | British genius for governing Asiatics. The to the Guild System proper, there are societies | opinion is widely held in the Far East that the of all kinds, all of them illustrating the time has come when the British Government Chinese genius for co-operation, whilst no. | should announce its intention as to the future where, perhaps, is this capacity more noticeable of the port. The present uncertainty stiffes all than in the organization of the Chinese market. development and causes constant misunder-

When we remember the commercial capacities standing. Why cannot our Foreign Office of the Chinese, and recall the well-known jibe give the requisite assurance to the British in that the English are a nation of shopkeepers, a comparison of the Guild Systems of East and K-G-V.O - C-M.G. commanding the China population of the town. Speeches were made | West becomes so suggestive as to be almost helped to produce a Constitution of the Western world are modelled, and what stands out clearly from the comparison is the capacity for co-operation which exists alike in England and in thing. In both countries the Guilds have been primarily commercial, and in our own they have led to a highly organized political life. In China so few deductions are nossible, that one hesitates before being, logical; but if we go so far as to say that, theoretically, the Guild System of the East should produce similar results, we shall hardly be accused of hasty generalization. We can, at any rate, point to | had to wait ten months for a reply. Even then the confidence of H. E. Yuan Shih-kai, and we can hazard a guess at the premises upon which it is based. That Chinese co-operation has not resulted in a general representative system is almost paradoxical, and there is much in the epigram which says that a paradox is a truth

> FRENCH CAPITAL FOR JAPAN. FORTICOMING VISIT OF FINANCIERS.

N. C. D. News.

standing on its head to attract attention.-

A Tokyo dispatch states that as Japan and France will be brought into closer relations than before by the new Franco-Japanese | the port was under the British flag: Agreement, French capitalists will find increased opportunities for investing their surplus funds in Japan, and by such a course both countries may be benefited. Since the conclusion of the Agreement, adds

this message, M. Gerard. French Ambassador in Tokyo, has sent reports on the Japanese freighters. Even with the large ships in the economic and financial conditions to France. were not to blame. The ricksha was block- | trade, during the past few years a large num- | and put before the French capitalists the | Hotel charged one Michael Lenord, a seaman ing their way and they could not get ber of tramp vessels have found good profits advantages of investing their money-in-Japan. May last, taking with him full reports on enterprises to be promoted in Japan by his syndicate, and furnished all the necessary information to the French Government and the capitalists. Representatives of the Banque de Paris, Parisian Bank and other financial corporations in France, with experts, have left Paris for Japan, accompanied by Mr. Loonen. The party, numbering It gentlemen in all, is Letting out a licensed truck on hire is against | and also salling a number of tramp freighters | expected to arrive at Tsuruga on Friday morn. the law. And the owner of the above mentioned to various parts of the world, Lloyd's directory ling from Vladivostok. The arrival of the truck was next called upon to explain how the gives this company twenty three vessels, with | party in Japan is regarded as an important two coolies came to be in possession of his a speed of twelve knots or over, beside listing | event in financial circles, and the visit to Japan truck. To said that the men had taken it a number of smaller steamers, . The average of these financiers was recently communicated incis. without his consent, but this proved to be un- tonnage of the Osaka Sosben Kaisha's sea by the French Ambassador to the Finance Department in Tokyo.

INPRINGEMENT OF TRADE MAKKS

We note from recent mail papers that the purposes, they grew to power by enfranchis. both in China and in Japan. The subject is ng themselves from feudal limitations and not a new one, and it has more than once been he process affected the whole course of prominently brought forward in this country by lowns that men learned the art of co-operation | China, which cannot but emphasize the serious early training took long to produce the need for more drastic representations on where Feudulism was comparatively weak, victims. This firm has been known through-System, Englishmen had an organized Parlia- | Some time ago, however, it was found that a ment by the end of the thirteenth century. soap of Japanese manufacture, but marked From that date, English Parliamentary history with the characters Lee Woo both on the soap becomes both detailed and progressive, and itself and on the wrapper, had been introduced training bad commenced in similar schools. It was ascertained that a soap manufacturer of by the reputation of a firm which for three generations had made it their work to build up a sound reputation for their goods. The case was taken up with the authorities. but nothing could be done in China, and so the matter had to be referred to the Bureau ations from the Yokohama Specie Bank, the German Consulate-General at Shanghai, and even the Japanese Consulate-General at that port, showing that Lee Woo was the recognised and well-known Chinese name of Messrs Carlowitz, but the Bureau has ruled that Mr. Harumoto was justified in using the house's name, on the ground, apparently, that it had not been made sufficiently clear that Lee Woo was the name of Messrs. Carlowitz, and has refused to cancel the registration of the trademark. It is sincerely to be hoped, both from the Japanese point of view and that of loreigners, that such a ruling will be reversed now making. This is a flagrant, but un l fortunately, it would seem, far from an isolated case of unfairness on the part of lapanese merchants. I hey have been frequently accured of similar practices in Japan, Hongkong, Shang-I hai, and in Manchuria, and up to the present Japanese authorities appear to have entirely clearly called for. Unscrupulous traders are But it is here in China that the Guild System I not unknown either in the British or any Period, namely, as early as the ninth and tenth I too, the need for the promulgation of tradeshould, with the least delay possible, come to an agreement on this important matter.-L. & C. Express.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

-The-Times-Peking-Correspondent-in a telegram dated 4th ult., states:-For some time past I have been visiting a nong other places in North China the British China that Wei-hai-wei will continue a British possession? The port has great advantages as a sanatorium both for our navy and our subliects in China, who, now, uncertain of the future, hesitate to invest money there, and resort instead during the summer to the German port of Tsing-tau or to sanatoria on Chinese | sai', to the great enrichment of those places. Every Englishman who before the present uncertainty invested money in Wei-hai-wei did so under the direct encouragement of official statements in the House of Commons that Weight hai wei would be held so long as other Powers held similar leases of Chinese Territory, yet when the British community on June 1, 1906, petitioned for information as to the future they on March 2: last, Lord Elgin evaded a direct answer and refused to discuss "hypothetical cases" but curtly informed the colonists that whatever contingency may arise the British | Government could not entertain any claim of compensation to firms or individuals who have invested money in Wei-hai-wei." The present policy is regarded in the Far Rust as illogical If the British-Government will announce its intention to retain wei-hai-wei industries will be stanted and the colony will quickly prosper. If the Government is p epared to restore possession to China, the Chinese Government would certainly engage to compensate th residents who had invested money there while

FUN AT THE "BELLE VIEW. SEAMAN GOES DOWN ON HIS KNEES AND BEGS FOR PARDON.

M. A. Razack, proprietor of the Belle View residing at the Sailors' Home, with behaving in Mr. R. Loonen, a representative of the East | a noisy and disorderly manner in the hotel last Asia Industrial Syndicate, composed of French | Wednesday afternoon. Evidence was adduced and Belgian capitalists, adds the dispatch, to the effect that accused had an altercation near Queen Street. The accused who were in I foodstuffs from the Sound. At first tramp has resided in Japan for a number of years, with one of the hotel "boys" regarding the and is thoroughly acquainted with Japanese price of several bottles of beer. During the economic and financial conditions, having | wrangle some unparliamentary language was already promoted different enterprises in used, which annoyed several guests at the Japan. This gentleman returned to Paris in | hotel. Lenord was told to be quiet, but he refused and was given in charge. His Worship-Did you assault the com-

Planant? Accused-No, I did not. 'I was the one who was assaulted. He punched me all over and knocked me on the ground. Finally, I had to go on my knees in the middle of the road

(Laughter). Inspector Gourlay informed the Court that accused had had a previous conviction.

and beg him pardon and ask for mercy,

casion being fourteen days.

A WEIRD CEREMONY.

PRIGHTENING AWAY TILE CHOLERA DEMONS.

The Singapore Free Press of 28th ult. contains the following areport :-- : winique and a most a interesting of Jeeremony 22 took place at the ricksha coolie depots in Ophir Road, off Queen Street, "yesterday fafter--noon.--A-number-of-cases-of-cholera-have occurred in these depots lately, and several cases in the immediate vicinity. The coolies and towkays organised a grand festival for the purpose of frightening away from Singapore the cholora demons About \$5,000 were collected among the towkays and coolies; and for the past ten days, or so, quaint ceremonies have been carried on. On three nights, processions paraded the various streets. The coolies were busy in the meantime building four model junks to carry away the cholera, fiends. The celebrations were brought to a close

yesterday afternoon amidst much excitement. and in view of several hundreds of Chinese. The class participating in the clearing out of the devils were the Hokchows," Hokchas and the Hengwahs. The ghost ships were made of bamboo and paper and were really works of art. They were cleverly made of various coloured paper, and in shape were exactly like Chinese junks. I wo'd the craft were about fifteen feet in length and one, the smartest of the lot, was over twenty feet long and broad in proposition. The final ceremony commenced at four o'clock. The three vessels were drawn into the roadwa , the two smaller ones were carried and the large one was drawn on wheels. The sails, made of yellow paper, were then holsted. The leading vessel had, as a figurehead, a dragon with a flaming wide open mouth. On tables placed near the ships were candles, roast ducks, fowls, pigs, goats, fruit and cakes. Numerous sheets of sacrificial paper were burned and hundreds of crackers and bombs were let off. About two score ricksha coolies were dressed as demons with grotesquely painted faces. ... ome of their faces were red, blue, black, green-and-yellow, and were streaked with white. They were armed with spears and spiked clubs and many had homs fastened on to their heads. They were a fierce looking lot and formed a bodyguard for the fleet. One gigantic Chinaman carried a huge wooden sword and apparently represented an executioner. Several monks in gay robes were chanting prayers round the Joss," inside the principal depot, to the accompaniment of Chinese music. Every few minutes they uttered long drawn out "oughs". in which they were joined by the demoniacal. bodyguard, while numerous other Chinese blew bamboo-horns. It was a weird spectacle.

Leaning on one of the " joss " tables in the roadway, was a stalwart coolle who appeared to be in a trance. He was in 'a frenzy and colled his eyes till only the whites were visible. It was explained that he was possessed of a spirit-a god had entered into him. He gesticulated wildly and was believed to be communing with the spirits of the departed.... Any one whose friends or relations had died could converse with them through him. ... He was certainly not shamming. To the writer he appeared to be mad, but a medical gentleman present said, in his opinion, the man was in a trance. He went on unceasingly and un-

The vessels were loaded up with paper money, candles, crackers, fruit and rice.; In the largest junk, were placed a white pup, a grey kitten, a cock, a duck and a couple of white pigeons. The monks then assembled in front of the largest ship and chanted prayers, while the bodyguard knelt down in the road. The head monk picked up a sharp steel sword and fought a duel with an unscon spirit. He worked himself into a state of frenzy, and the crowd of onlookers stepped back in awe. The monk then picked up a cock, and holding it in his left, hand and the sword in his right danced about and gesticulated wildly. After some minutes he put the weapon down and pricked the cock's comb with a finger nail. A drop of blood was taken? and was mixed with Chinese red ink ... The fowl was then put under a joss table and after more incantations had been droned, the high priest mounted on a stool and dabbed the figure head and other parts of the boat with the mixture. He then returned to the loss rable and exhorted the demons to depart in the vessels. The men demons raised pandemonium with their yells of "ough," bamboo horns and banging of diums and clashing of cymbals. The spectator joined in the noise. The Chief Sanitary Inspector was present and seemed to be assisting in the devil hunting. He expressed his desire of helping in anything that would

drive away the cholers. These exhortations continued till six o'clock and a fourth and much smaller vessel then made its appearance. It was apparently a tenderto the bigger craft. The chief monk seized the small boat and carried it into the depot. "The idea was to take the devils out to the fleet, but this apparently did not meet with their approval. The little versel tossed and rocked round the room, but the devils would not come out to the bigger ships. One priest e deavoured to conx the tiny ship out by means of bright paper on the end of a pole, while another priest tried to drive it out with a drawn sword. They sprang back when the beat turned on them. . The excitement was great. and the "oughs" were desfening: beveral times the boat got as far as the entrance. but returned again and careered wildly round the room. After fully twenty minutes of pitching and tossing, the boat was driven and coaxed out. It careered round the fleet and then dashed back to the depot again. Eventually, the devils were persuaded to leave the depot and the tender made five stormy trips, to and from the big junk amidst the wildest excitement. The devils were represented by black; red, blue, green and yellow effigies and they were all put on board'at last. . I he tender then took up a position at the head of the procession and after manostyring about wildly for some time started off in the direction of Rochere Canal Road. The other vessels and the procession followed it with a rush, and a huge roat went up from the assembled hundreds. After a short mad, yelling rush, a stop. was made at a land stage at the Rocher river. Hundreds of bombs and crackers were let off and the gongs and drums were banged madly. The men dressed as demons tore off their devil clothes and washed their faces.

The head monk waved his sword in the direction of the river and exharted the devils to depart. The fleet were then set on free one by one. The tender was burned first and the biggest ship last. The flames roared and crackled and burned fiercely and the ceremony was at an end. Our representative, who was watching very carefully, did not see the animals and birds taken out of the big junk before she was set alight and believes that they were burned to death. The towkays, however, assured him that they were removed before fire was put to the vessels. Perhaps, they are afraid of enquiries by the police.

ACCO: DING to later and reliable information His Worship-You were lined before, were the damages at Hakodate are more serious you not?-Yes: "I got five days for drunken- than was first anticipated. They are now estimated at 82,000,000 yen. Fifteen thousand He was fixed \$7, the alternative on this oc- houses are said to have been burnt, and sixty thousand people left homeless.

THE WELL-70-DO SERVANT. ALLEGED LOANS TO EMPLOYER.

The curious case of a Chinese employee who was in a position to lead his employer a couple of thousand dollars was heard in the Summ ry Jurisdiction Court, before Mr Justice Wise. en-day... The plaintiff was, Chu Puicof a: Queen's Road West, and the defendant. Choung Ho of 23 Gilman Street. The sum sued for was \$420.70, which was described as money lent.

Mr. O. D. Thamson, who represented the plaintiff, stated that the defendant, a Chinese female boarding house keeper imployed the plaintiff to accompany coolies from Hongkong to Singapore. Between 122nd February this year and 24th March he lent the defendant sums on various occ. sions amounting to about \$2,000 and there was a balance due altogether of \$410 principal and interest.

. The plaintiff explained that for acting as ascort to the coolies journeying to Singapore he received \$21 a voyage. His duty was to see that the coolies were duly landed at the southern port and handed over to the agents there. After detailing the amounts he had handed over to the mistress of the boardinghouse, the defendant, he said that she still .owed him \$380.50 as principal and \$40.20 as interest.

Questioned as to the rate of interest, the plaintiff only made confusion worse confounded, Mr. olmes, for the defendant, rose to discotangle the knot.

. The Court: There is no lady defendant present in Court 1s she dead?

Mr. Holmes: No. she's alive. She was in my office about a quarter of an hourage. She's gone to get a witness.

Shortly afterwards the lady accompanied by by a number of friends marched into Court, One of the principal witnesses in the case had not appeared and the case was adjourned fill to-morrow.

THE HARBOOK SWIM.

The harbour race this year is likely to prove an interesting event as no less than eightee Entries have been received. It is difficult to swill probably be a very easy matter to raise form an idea as to who will win the medals, as | the capital for opening the new service. some of the entrants from the Garrison may create a surprise again as they did last ye r. when Gunner Brotherton, of the dayal Carrison 'Artillery, finished a long way ahead of lim Witchell and N. H. Alves, the two civilian favourites. A. V. Barros, who was second last year, is expected to give a good account of himself this year; he covered the distance from the Police Pier to the VRC, in less than balf an hour the other-day together with three other V.R.C. numbers.

The entries closed yesterday and the comepetitors are: -Gunner Andrew, R.O.A., A. V Barros, L. le Breton, C. J. Cooke, A. R. Ellis, L. G. Cardeiro, Gunner E. Fleetwood, R.G.A.: A. Haller R.E., J. Howell, H. J.S. Britomart, aR. Jiyanji, P. M. Romedios, J. M. Roza Pereir Private Reed, 3rd Middlesex, ". Slade, F. K. Tata, Gunner Vernon, R.O.A., Gunner Ward, R.G.A., and R. C. Witchell.

The race will commence at 5 pm. at the Police Pier, Kowloon, and finish between V.R.C. and Murray Pier.

THE U.S. ATLA TIC SOUADRO.

ARRANGEMIN'S FOR ITS DISPATCH., A Washington message to the Malnichi states that President Roosevelt, Mr. Newbury,

Acting U.S. Secretary-for-the -Navy and Admiral Evans, have held a conference at Oyster Bay on the question of the proposed dispatch of the Atlantic squadron to the Pacific, It is believed that the squidron will leave the Atlantic in November next, proceeding wid Magellan Straits.

A later message states that in U.S. naval circles it is considered that the presence of the apanese squadrons in South China witters forms a counter-action against the dispatch of the U.S. Atlantic squadron to the Pacific as agreed by the conference of Oyster Bay.

The same message adds that as at present arranged the U.S. Atlantic squadron will start. on. a cruise before December next-to-various. parts of the world. The squadron will firs proceed to Hawaii vid Magellan Straits, and call at the Philippines, and return to the Atlantic vid Suez in August next year.

BRICK AND TILE INDUSTRY 'IN SIAM.

Some days ago we had occasion to make will be constructed near the slips. some comments on the manufacturing of bricks | tensive dry-docks will be built, in Siam, and the great and growing demand | engineers are expected to arrive shortly, that exist for this material in Bangkok. On and the plan may be amended upon their that occasion we omitted to mention anything | arrival. The letter-adds that if the charter about tiles which, of course, are in as much is granted to the proposed works, it will be completion of the work. demand as bricks. All substantial modern buildings in Siam, more especially in the city | shipbuilding yards at present dotting the seaand in many towns and villages are sooled with | front between Tanoura and Okubo, and it will

manufactured in Baugkok, but acc rding to | pality on the question of the compensation appearance they are much inferior to those payable by the company for the use of the manufactured elsewhere; and consequently whole sea-front of the eastern part of Moji. many firms engaged in building have their is believed, however, that an understanding tiles as well as bricks brought from foreign has been come to between the Municipals markets. Those living in dwellings roofed by | and the company to exempt the latter from the the locally manufactured article, have in many Cases to approach their landlords and lay petitions before them to stop the "rain down in their rooms. Invariably much damage is done to furniture and other valuable property on account of this leakage through the roofs of their houses in the rainy season. Such instances are rarely heard of in houses roofed | that a Franco-Belgian' syndicate has agreedwith imported tiles.

The reason for such leakage in Siamese carrying out the works: tiles may be traced to the fact that the clay which is worked in the pasts becomes inflated owing to the humidity, thus causing the tiles to crack, a fact which is of frequent occurrence, which proves that the method in working the tiles must be improved. With improved methods, first class tiles and bricks can be turned out in Siam, as the clay is admirably adapted for the purpose. For this, of course, it will be found necessary to import intelligent balf native and half European styles of tiles it arreff, and Nagasaki, arrving at the latter and bricks, Small ornamental tiles are of little port in September. Then the King Affred use in keeping out the rain, neither does the will return to Weihaiwei, on September, 20th, roof constructed of such last long,

there should also be an opening for the manu- Bay, where firing practice is to be carried facture of ordinary lime, hydraulic lime, and cout on ctober 20th. The Kent on her coment. There are several localities in Saim way down will visit Yokohama and that offer splendid prospects for such enter- | Amoy, The Astras will escort the destroyer prise, and it is to be hoped that such 'openings' flotilla to Chusan and then return to Woosung, to promote those industries will not be lost until relieved by the Flora. The Monmouth sight of "Splendid material for the purpose" will carry out exercises at Weihaiwei until the 'can be had at Ratburi, Genkol, Pachim and Bedford arrives from Port, Lazareff. The Lopburi. The transport would be greatly | heavy gunlayers' tests will be carried out by de plenty of wood in these districts.

ever-in such an industry, after careful study of Hongkong, calling at the China Treaty Ports of the Nine Charitable Institutions, the Seventy. for gromoting the business, -Stam Free Prest. | ship in Mire Bay,

KEIR HARDIE'S FROGRESS.

ARRIVAL AT HONGKOND

By the P. & O. mail-steamer Marmora, there hrrived at Hongkong yesterday afternoon from Shanghai Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., the sleader of that Socialist organization known as the L.P. 'Mr. Hardies is inurocying around the world in search of health," He has visited Canada, Japan, and as room passing through Chineson

South.Africa. visited Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard at I ton to Sheklung, in the district of Tungkun ; Mountain Lodge, the Peak. He then spent the rest of the afternoon, in the bill districts | Sheklung to Bum Chun in the district of Sun enjoying the charming scenery from the commanding heights of Victoria Peak. In the the Engineer-in-Chief to survey the line, and evening he proceeded on a hurried visit to the local officials of the districts conceined Choton by, the s.s. Falshan and will return in have been ordered to offer every protection to time to resume his journey by the Marmora | these officials when necessary, c-morrow noon.

OSAKA SHOBEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED JAPAN-AMERICA SERVICE.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha has decided to open a service between Japan and America, and the necessary preparations, are being pushed on. We are informed that the company has decided to build six steamers of 6,000 ions each. Three of these ships have been ordered from the Mitsul Bishi Yard at Nagasaki, and other three from the Kawasaki Yard, Kobe, and one vessel is expected to be complated before the end of next year. The American service is to be opened in connection with a certain railway company on the Pacific coast of the United States, and a contract has already been signed between the Osaka Shosen | on or about the and proximo. Kaisha and the railway company. The opening of the service requires a heavy expenditure. The cost of the six steamers is estimated at Y7,000,00%. When the cost of the necessary shore-works is added, the total will amount to about Y10,010,000. When the new service is opened, the six steamers will be entitled to a steam pavigation encouragement county from the Government to the amount of V1,200,000 annually. This subsidy alone thus amounts to 12 per cent. of the total per annum, and so Board of Directors of the company are now considering means for raising the moneywhether to increase the capital, to issue debentures, or to raise a temporary loan.

NEW DUCKS FOR JAPAN.

'PROPOSED PRANCO-BÈLGIAN-SYNDICATE.

effect that early this year it was decided to capital of Y70,000, and a company, has been tormed under the style of the Moji Dock Company. Mr. Loonen, who, as sirendy reported in our columns, returned to Japan a few days ago with a number of influential French cupitalists, is reported to be entrusted with Y16,00,002, with which the proposed dockyard is to be constructed, largely extending the works, reclaiming the sea-front from Yamagahana to Tobig isuhana, Mofi. An application for a char er of the works, which was made on June 1st, has been amended. The new applica ton gives the details of the work as follows:-The principal object of the undertaking is the loading of coul and the repair of yessels, coal depot will be built at Ukubo, a tunhol being constitucted between Moli and Okubo to connect the Kyushu Railway and the depot. A stretch of the searleout from Yamag have to Obigahana by way of Ocubo, Al jehiroki and Tanoura is to be acquired; covering an area of about 75,34 tsubo. The wall of the sea-front of the reclaimed land will be constructed with con crete blocks. The stone obtainer from cutting the Okubo tunnel and the dock will be use for reclaiming the sea-front. he depth of the water from the front of the reclaimed land to the front of Okubo will be 3, feet at low tide; allowing a steamer with a draft of 27 feet to go slongside. The sea off Tanoura will be died. ged to a depth of 2 lest. The principal works Oh the shore will be a failway line between Muli and Okuho, the construction of a coa depot, a canal to l'anoura, two slip-ways and "two "dry-docks;" in "addition" to "coal-loading cranes and coal weighing scales, and engine works for the construction and repair of vessels The coal depois will be erected at Okubo and on the reclaimed land, where covered sheds will be crected for special qualities of con Two rlips will be constructed to the east of Yamagahana," one large enough to accommodate a steamer of 1,500 tons and the other for smaller steamers. The engine works necessary for the company to purchase small also be necessary for the company to have a It is true that tiles as well as bricks are | definite understanding with the Moji Municiimposition of a special municipal tax. The proposed works, when completed, will prove heavy blow to coal lighters in the harbour and the accommodation made by the Kyushu Railway at Wakamatsu and Tobata for loading coal, and strong competition may ensue be tween them and the new company. It is stated supply the whole of the money necessary for

> THE BRITISH CHINA SQUADRON. MOVEMENT OF THE SHIPS,

As stated in a recent issue, the Japan Chronic's says the British China Squadron is now at Vladivostok. From that port the workmen. There should be no mixture of squadron will visit Korea, Korniloff, Port and when the Admiral has paid a visiti-to Besides the manufacturing of tiles and bricks, Peking and Hankow, will return to Mirs. the purpose can be made on the spot as there pendently in the Gulf of Pechili, and arrive at | back to his native place immediately. Mire Bay by October 20th, The destroyer "Persons having capital can invest it with I flotilla will return to Nagasaki, and after part-

CANTON DAR BY DAY. CANTON-KOWLOOM RAILWAY:

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 30th August, Taolai Wei Han, the director of the Capton-"Kowloon Railway (Chineso section) has forwarded a draft of a set of regulations, governing the building of the road, to H.E. the Acting his way to Geylon, India, Australasia and Viceroy for approval. Taotai Wei proposes to divide the building of this line into two sec-Soon:after his arrival yesterday, Mr. Hardin Itions. The first section will extend from Canand the second section will extend from On. Officials have been sent to accompany WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The Tele, raph Bureau has reported to the Acting Viceroy that wireless telegraphy has been installed between Canton and Hollow, Chui, Mun and other blaces on the leland, of Bainan. As soon as further consignments of apparatus arrive from Germany, through Messis, Carlowitz, & Co., Young Kong, Kao-

chow, and several other places will be con-

nected by this system with Canton,

THE NEW VICEROV. A telegram, received yesterday at the viceregal yamen, states that H.E. Yun-chun has arrived at Hankow from Honam by special train that morning and that the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Klanglung has been chartered to convey H.E. and his suite, consisting of about fifty persons, to Shanghai, where H.E. is expected to arrive

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY. The Shanghai shareholders of the Canton; Hankow Railway Company have again telegraphed to the Company, the Charitable institutions and the Seventy-two Guilds Association expressing their satisfaction at the arrangements made by them for the taking up of the financial responsibilities of the Company by the Charitable Institutions and the Seventytwo Guilds As ociation pending the acceptance of this position, by Mr. Lau Siu-chuk, so that the president and the vice-president may at an early date assume charge of their respective. positions. The Company has replied stating that the Charitable Institutions and the Seventytwo Guilds Association will assune control of the finances of the Company on the 1st-proximo. and the president and vice-president will take over-charge on the 3rd proximo.

TRAFFIC RECEIPTS. The amounts collected on the Wongha-Kongtsun section of the Canton-Han-ow rail The Asahi publishes a Moji letter to the | way for the hat ten days were as follows:toth instant, \$120.20; 20th instant, \$175.to construct a dockyard at Tanoura, Moli, with a | 2 st instant, \$ 77.401 22nd instant, \$157.80 23rd instant, \$1717; 24th instant, \$120.35; 25th instant, \$177.25; 26th instant, \$180.45; 27th instant, \$165.00 and 28th instant, \$165.35.

ANTI-OPIUM MOVEMENT, An Anti-Opium Association has been formed in the district of Tso Mok Pak in the prefecture of Kayingchow, where the prohibition of opium | smoking has been carried into effect, A brauch Acti-Opium Association has all

been opened in the district of Taung Fa where the officials are working must, diligently with the people in the suppression of the opium cyll PRISONER'S TRIAL. Yesterday the British Consul-General

Canton was present at the Namboi Ma, jurgeto attend the trial of several robbers, and kidnablers who had been extradited from Hongel kong.

On the 28th instant, at four o'clock in the Street, inside the city, was going along the street with a bundle of wares, when suddenly several men appeared and rel eyed him of his valuable parcel. When the slarm was raised no police were to be seen and the rascals soon escaped with their spoils,

FIRE AT KONGMOON. On the 28th instant, a report from Kongmoon states that a fire occurred there, ated in a certain kerosene and match store tion of over thirty buildings. Owing to indemnities, etc. some misunderstanding between the local, Chambet of Commerce and the different firms in the various streets, no fire brigade whatever appeared for it they had appeared, doubtless the damage would not have been so extensive,

31st, Appust.

The Canton Waterworks Company has now begun the work of connecting the water tower in the old site of the Chang Shou Monaster with the principal water mains of the city, lead-, 100,000 promised by the Canton-Hankow Railling to the city proper, the new city, and the Western suburb. Extra workmen are being put on the different sections to hurry on the

ACTING VICERGY WD. Acting Viceroy Wu has laid aside a affairs in connection with his official duty nending the arrival of the newly appointed Viceroy Chang.

POLICE SCHOOL The students of the School for Police have completed their course of studies and to those who have passed their final examinations sadisfactorily certificates will be issued by the Canton Bureau of Education. . The presents. tion of the certificates will take place on the

· BHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, The Canton Bureau of Agriculture, Ir dustry and Commerce have sanctioned th formation of the Canton River Steamsh Owners' Association by the different owners sterm launches running on the Canton, an West Rivers.

OPIUM ANTIDOTES On the 29th instant, the Central Anti-Opium Association forwarded samples of anti-opium pills on sale in the market compounded by the different native chemists of the city to the Acting Provincial Judge, Kung Sum Tsam, be analysed in order to ascertain if any of the samples are manufactured from compounds of morphia. When these samples have been analyzed and found not to be injurious, their! the public to that effect, in order that adequate sale will be permitted on the market, but if kind of pills will be at once sto; pad,

"BOYCOTT LEADER'S RELEASE. " At the request of the gentry the Prefect of Kwangchow, Chan Mong Tsang, has presented a petition to the Acting Viceruy praying that the boycott leader, Ma Tat-son, who was detained for the second time for again attempte. ing to stir up the boycott feeling be allowed to for Kiangsu on transfer by order of H.E. Tuen be deposted from Canton back to his native! Fang, Viceroy of the Liang Kinng provinces. place. As Ma is considered not to be of bad character, insamuch as he is only to be blamed | . Private advices have been received from the in connection with the American boycott, the district of Ka Ying to the effect, that the first. Acting Viceroy has granted the prayer of the grop of rice of this year has totally failed, so:

PAILWAY AFFAIRS very great advantage and with no risk what- ing with the Astrata at Chusan will return to Charitable Institution by the leading members | the second quality, the places and means of transport, etc. necessary en route and subsequently rejoining the flag. two Guilds Association and the Canton Cham-

Company, into their hands "As this meeting the following assolutions were passed :-(1) That as Mr. Lau Slu-chuk is still unwilling to take up the control . Lthe responsibility of the finances, of the Company, we, the leading members of these institutions, will; personally call on him to present him the letter of appointment, and to induce him to accode to the public request. (2). That different officials be appointed to audit the accounts, etc. of the Company and to raply to the letter received from the president of the Company, Lo Po-shun, advising him to take over charge, without fall on the ist proximo. After this, numerous officials werd elected to investigate, and audit the accounts, and to take over charge of the fin-

inces of the Company. Mr. Lo Po-shun, the newly elected president of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company, has stated that if the officials elected by the Charljable Institutions, the Seventy-two Guilds and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, will take over charge at once of the finances of the Company, he will assume duty as president of the Company without fall,

THE NEW ADMIRAL The new Admiral and Commander-in-chief, Chun Ping-chik, since taking over duty at the Boca Tigris, is going thoroughly into the workings of the different departments under

his charge, and has appointed new or, discharged old military officers as he thought fit. After this complete investigation at his headquarters Admiral and Commander-in-chief Chun will proceed to the prefecture of Weichow to inquire into military affairs there.

and September.

ECHO O THE MAGAZINE EXPLOSION. The president of the Luchuapu (the Ministry of War', Tien Liang, has memoralised the Throne, in reference to the explosion at the Wing Chun Powder Magazine, which happened at Canton a short time ago, that the punishment meted out to the officials in charge of the Ordance denartment is considered to be too light, and that the Admiral and Commandertime should also receive some punishment as a warning to others, for neglect of duty,

TEMALE EDUCATION. Yesterday a girls' school styled, the Nam-Keung Cirls' College, was opened here. the opening ceremony there was a very large attendance, and there were also present the Provincial Examiner, Ve. the two magistrates of Namhoi and Punyu, and some other officials. After many speaches, the proceedings ended with attea party. 🖰

ANTI-OPIUM MOVEMENT. It was learnt at the ordinary weekly meeting of the committee of the Central Anti-Opium Association that, up to the present, 5,239 opjum smokers have been photographed at the Association's headquarters, and these smokers have

all applied for anti-opium pills. Up to the end of last week, I 4 opium smoking patients have been admitted into the Hospital in connection with the Association for treatment, and of this number, thirty-one have already to covered from the drug and have been discharged, while eleven other patients have died there from their sudden attempt to abandon the use of the drug absolutely, It is reported that the Government Anti-

Opium Regu ati na have been very strictly enforced in the prefectures of Klungchow and Ngachow, where the police are interfering with those smokers who are not in possession of oplum sm king licences, and where they have arrested several of them. Those who were arrested have been made to apply for licences, or otherwise hey will not be released from prison. If hose who have been found with opium smoking apparatus on their premises were also when all classes will be invited. saverely dea't with by the efficials,

Owing to the step taken by the Central afternoon, a jades one metchant of Tai Sun | Government at the Capital, in regard to the prohibition of opium smoking, H.E. the Acting Viceroy has decided to permit to be opened, in each police circuit of the Ci y, three opium smoking divans, where opium could be bought and smoked.

INDE UNITY PAYMENTS.

The Shan Hou hu has submitted a report I'to HiR, the Acting Vicetoy showing that from the eleventh moon last year to the fourth moon which did extensive d mage. The fire origin | this year, a sum of Taols 1,143,771.959 has been transmitted to the Capital as Kwingtung and spread rapidly resulting in the destruct province's there in the payment of the foreign the Company calling on him, Mr. La Poshun

> LIKIN COLLECTIONS. The collection of likin dues received from the different likin stations throughout the province by the Canton Likin Bureau for the first half of the current year, amounts to Taels

The Viceroy of the Liang Hu, H. E. Chang Chib-tung, has telegraphed to H.E. the Acting Viceroy requesting that the amount of Taels way. Company be paid as a fourth of the capital of Taels 410, co for the opening of an Iron Works for the supply of iron rails, bridges and other materials for use in the building of rail. roads throughout the Empire. The other three shares, in the concern have been taken up by the provinces of Hupeh, Hunan and Szechuan,

MORRISON CENTENNARY. Yesterday-the Consul-General for the United States of America at Canton sent invitations to the different leading Chinese officials to be present at the commemoration ceremony to be beld in honour of the centennary of the late · Robett Marrison,

The Magistrate of the Luk Fung district has forwarded a despatch to the High Authorities reporting that the first crop of rice for this year in that district has proved for from being favourable and that owing to the late tain a famine on a small scale- is now prevailing in that district. In the despatch the magistrate requested that a relief fund be raised to help the famine-stricken people and that the Canton Gharitable Institutions be requested to convey cheap rice to that district to be disposed of to the sufferers.

CANTON-XOWLOOM RAILWAY. As surveying work is about to be com menced for the construction of the Canton Kowleon Railway (Chinese section), the Punyu magistrate bas-issued a proclamation to notify protection may be given the foreign and found to be otherwise the sale of that particular inese : engineering staff in their work. The proclamation : also enjoined upon property owners - not to create any disturbance when their lands are required for the railroad.

> TRANSPER. "Taotal Vao Shiu Shi, who came to Canton. and held several posts during ex-Viceroy Chow's administration here, is about to leave RICK CROP

THE MEW-VICEROY. Telegraphic instructions have been received | that it is the general wish that the proposal for | shipping accidents, which have been so, fig. ber of Commerce in which, arrangements have from the new Viceroy, H.E. Chang Yun-chun, the building of the tunnel should be abandoned I quent of late. - Japan, Chronicle,

been made, for the transfer of the responsibility that the officials who are now holding offices of the snances of the Canton Hankow Railway in Canton must not leave their posts, but must fremain and await orders from H.E. when he

4th September. THE KWANG VICEROYALTY.

Although HE. Chang Yun-chun, Vicorny designate of the Linna Kwang provinces, has already left Hankow for Shanghai en route for the South, and that everything is now ready for H.E.'s reception; here, a rumour is at present current in Canton in indarin circles to the effect that as H.E. Viceroy Chang Chih-tung Vicetoy of the Liang Hu provinces, is going to leave his post for the Capital to have an audience with the Throne on some important affairs, II.E. Chang. Yun-chun may be appointed to succeed him. In such an event H.E. Chang will not proceed for Canton as already arranged. The rumour goes further in stating that H.E. Yang eze-ki, the present Governor of the boat of its freight and then set it adrift. the province of Shantung, will be appointed to the Viceroyalty of the Linna Kwang provinces From the present outlook of affairs as regards the frequent changes of high officials in the southern Capital during the past year, the above rumour may not improbably turn out to

GRATEFUL RECOGNITION. The large sum of money which has been absorbed for the disposal of cheap rice to the poorer class of people and the continuance of the sale up to the present is mainly due to the untiring efforts of the Kwangchow Prefect, Chan Mong Tsang, through whose recommendations, the Acting Viceroy granted funds to continue this good work. The committee of the Cheap Rice Disposal Bureau have prepared presents and other gifts which they intend to present to Prefect Chan in recognition of his benevolent efforts.

ANTI-OPIUM MOVEMENT. The magistrate of the district of Kwei Shir is making arrangements for the formation of a ! branch Anti-Opium Association in that district, and he himself as a promoter of the anti-opium movement has subscribed \$100 for the purpose. The magistrate has convened a meeting and in-chief of the province of Kwangtung at the has invited the different classes of people to attend and to bring about means with a view to taking joint action in dealing with the matter.

> A junk plying between Sun Hing District and the prefecture of Shiu Hing was pirated on the 19th ultimo, whilst calling at a place named Kam Kai. A number of pirates boarded the junk and carried off all the goods and valuables they could lay their hands upon. The value of the goods lost is estimated at about

TURBULEUT PREFECTURES, A few days ago, Acting Vicercy Wu sent a telegraphic memorial to Peking to the effect that although the bandits in the prefectures of Yumchow and Limchow have already been put down, yet in many places there are still bandits who are contriving to create more trouble. On receipt of the above memorial the Central Government gave orders by telegraph to H.E. Chang Yun-chin, the newly appointed Viceroy, instructing him to proceed to the South without delay so that the lawlessness of these bandits in Yumchow and Limchow may be taken in hand at once...

MORRISON CENTENARY. A large matched has been erected on the new bund at the Ching Hoi Mun, for the purpose of the Robert Morrison Centenary meetings on the 5th 6th and 7th instant. All the leading local Chinese officials have been invited to attend the meeting on the 5th instant. The matshed is decorate ! and will at night be lit by electricity, three large are lamps having been installed. Meetings will be held daily on these days from one o'clock in the afternoon,

ANTI-OPIUM NEWSPAPER. 'The Anti-opium Society is proposing to issue newspaper and the opium question will be its principal theme. It is expected that this paper will make its appearance on the 1st day of the 8th moon.

RAILWAY AFFAIRS.

At the tea party held at the office of the Anniversary Celebration in Manchuria. Canton-Hankow Railway Company yesterday when it was expected that the newly elected president and vice-president would take over charge of office, these two gentlemen did not: put in an appearance; so it remains to be seen what will be the next step. Upon the off ials of stated that he will not assume charge until the financial question has been fully settled. The vice-president, Mr. Wong Shiu-ping, has expressed the same opinion.

5th September.

---MORRISON-CENTENARY.-The Morr son Centenary meetings will be opened to day in the matched on the new bund at Ching Hoi Mun. H. E, the Acting Viceroy has signified his intention of not accepting the invitation owing to press of business, but has instructed the Brigadier-General of Kwangchow, the two magistrates of Namhoi and Panyu, and the Police officials to be present at the proceedings to-day.

H. E. WU'S PROMOTION. As H.H. Chang Yun-chun, Viceroy-designate, is on his way South and there is still no news as to what promotion H.E. Wu will receive, H. E. will probably have to resume the Provincial Treasurership of the Kwangtung province.

The Acting Provincial Judge, Kung, has sent instructions to the different districts throughout the province, ordering that police forces be organised wherever they have not yet been established. Within a few months time the whole province will probably be guarded by properly organised police forces, The measure is in accordance with instructions received from the capital.

VICEROY WU'S GENEROSITY. H.E. the Acting Viceroy has sent a weiyuan with \$600 to the Central Anti-opium Association as his subscription towards the funds of that institution.

ANTI-OPIUM MOVEMENT: The prohibition of opium smoking in Kow Kong, since the establishment of the Antionium. Association, has been strictly enforced. All opium selling establishments and divan keepers are required to deposit 200 taels with the Association, and if any of them is found permitting unlicensed smokers to smoke in their premises, or selling opium to unlicensed persons, he will be heavily fined. All oplum smokers have been called upon to be registered

to levy a tax of 4 candereen on every one tael

worth of opium sold, 50% of which goes towards

the school fund of the district, while the other

half goes towards the local authorities. CANTON RIVER BRIDGE. bridge across the river from the Canton side to engaged in coasting and river trade. .. The the island of Honam, it has been suggested that increase has resulted in a scarcity of coma large tunnel instead of a bridge, across the netent seamen, with the result that accidents river should be built. The magistrates of Namhoi and Punyu have been instructed to Osaka Shosen Kaisha is investigating proposals. fointly investigate into the possibility of the facilitated by railway. Boxes and casks for both vessels, after which they will cruise inde- gentry, and Ma is to be released, and is golog that the price of rice there is exceedingly high construction of this underground sub-way, and aumber of officers of small steemers, and for at present f one dollar can only buy 9 shing they have now forwarded a report of their amending the hours of rest and watch during (about 3 to 4 cattles) of the first quality and investigations to H. E. the Acting Viceroy voyages and also the regulations now enforced Yesterday a meeting was held in the Ol Yok: only a little over I few (about 4 to 5 cattles) of pointing out the disadvantage of such a scheme for the work of officers and specific harbours. It and the inconvenience of the proposed under- is thought that if reforms can be carried out in

and that the question be dropped. H. H. bas also instructed the Kwangchow Prefect, Chan Mong Teang, to notify the Canton River Iron Bridge Company of the decision.

HONAM THEATRE. The lease of the flourm theatre has been granted to the Ghing-Ping Company at an annual rent of \$14,140 for a term of three years, which amount is about a thousand dollars more than the payment of the royalty, for the lease of the same theatre for last year. The excess amount will be appropriated towards the prison fund of the Punya gabl. This theatre

is re-opened to-day for theatrical performance. A few days ago a cargo boat; laden with a cargo of cattle and other goods, was pirated when nearing the Cambridge Barrier. A numbber of pirates boarded the boat and sailed away with the same to a place where they relieved

BORNEO EXPLORATION HXPEDITION. RETURN OF THE PARTY!!

The s.s. Jacob Diederichten, chartered by the Syndicate which had organized the exploration expedition, along the coast, of British North Borneo, first reported in these columns, return. ed to port last evening. The Jacob Diederich. sen left Beran River on the 29th ult. and arrived at Hongkong yesterday. "She came in ballast. The steamer brought back the representatives of the Syndicate, viz., Messrs, Lanzins, C. P.

Co., Ltd.), Drummond and Eistor. HONGKONG INDUSTRIBS.

Chater (Secretary of the Hongkong Iron Mines

The Acting British Commercial Attaché to 4.M. Legation at Peking (Sir A. Hosie), in reporting on a visit he recently made to the southern ports of China, remarks that Hong. kofig, although generally regarded, as a more depôt of trade with China has in recent years developed into a great industrial centre, whose manufactures are sent, not only to China, but to various parts of the world, including the United tates of America, Japan, Australia, iam, Burmah, and India. He describes the various industries carried on in the Colony, but his remarks scarcely carry us beyond the very full description of Hongkong and its industries given recently by our own correspondent in the Far East, remarks the L. & C. Express.

JAPAN-CHINA'S. S. CO.

THE VANGTZE TRADE.

It is stated that the Japan-China Steamship Company, which has been lately established, by incorporating several Japanese: steamship services on the Yangtze, is carrying on business with 14 steamers, the tonnage of which vessels ranges from 900 to 3,600. Eight of them are plying between Shanghai and Hankow, two between Hankow and I-chang, two on the Hunan line, one on the Chang-tab line and one on the Pang-yang line, In addition to these, 19 tug-boats are employed on riverservice. On the service between Shanghai and (Hankow) three new steamers-the Yo yang, Nan-yang and Shang yang, each tof 3,600 tons, and all built at the Kawasaki Yard, are running together with five old steamers. The first-named of these now steamers entered the service in May last, the second in. June and the last during this month. These three new steamers being the handsomest vestels ever tagn 'on the Yangize service between Shanghai and Hantow, have aroused special interest on the put of the Chinese, and, in addition, the good prospects of the rice harvest this year are attracting a large number of passengers and a large amount of freight.

OPENING OF MANCHURIA.

Mr. Ozaki, Japanese Vice-Consul General at Shanghai, has received the following tele-

Port Arthur, and September, Yesterday, September 1st, being the applyersary of the founding of the Kwangtung Government and the general opening of Manchuria to foreign trade, was grandly colebrated as: Administration Day here, foreigners and Chinese participating. In proposing the toast, the Governor-General in charge said the day was a memorable one, and was of international and not merely national interest. ! He championed zealously the principle of the open-door, and equal opportunites for all nationalities and

I pledged its realisation. The Governor's sentiment, was enthusiastically responded to.

> CHINA AND THE FOWERS. AN EXTRORDINARY RUMOUR.

An ancredible but highly mischiavous report has lately been current in Peking to the effect that four of the foreign: Powers have recently presented a demand to the Chinese, Government to the effect that China shall abandon all idea of reconstructing her navy, shall surrender what modern warships she already possesses : dismantle her fortresses and withdraw her warrisons from the sea-coast and the shores of the Yangtsze-kinng. The defence of China against outside aggression will then be updertaken by the Powers which baye preferred these demands.

Nothing has been said about the means which the Central Government will, take to resist these demands, and it is pretty certain that the whole story is a fabrication. Should it appear, however, that there is any truth in the report there is sure to be serious trouble in China — Shanghal Times.

> STEAMSHIP ACCIDENTS, THE MISHAPS TO SMALL JAPANESE STEAMERS.

The accidents to small Japanese isteamers have markedly increased of late, and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, which owns a large number of small steamers, is considering means for the prevention of accidents to its vessels. Steamers, and to apply for licences. It is also proposed of small size have notably increased in Japan during the past few years, According to the latest shipping returns, there are 1,549 steamers an all throughout Japan, Of this coumber, 1,208 are of under 1,000 tons register, and of that number, 977 represent vessels under With reference to the building of the iron 300 tons. These small steamers hre generally often occur through imperfect signalling, The which have been made for the increase of the taking. H. E. Wu has expressed his opinion | these directions they will assist in, reducing

FLOODS IN JAPAN.

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S VILLA FLOODED.

[N. C. D. News.] Tokio, August 25. The continuousness of the rains is without precedent-in-the-last-fifty-years.---Enormous

damage has been done in Tokio and the nine adjacent Prefectures, including Nikko and Hakone. Tokio is practically isolated and provisions are rupning short. At Nikko where the foreign Ambassadors

and Ministers are staying, the villa of Sir Claude Macdonald, the British Ambassador, has been inubdated, and His Excellency has been obliged to move.

Tokio, August 27. The rains contil ue and inundations are now reported in Kyoto, Osaka and other places is the West. ---

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RESUMED.

Tokio, August 28.

The Tokio-Yokohama Railway, and others, have now resumed tunning. Troops are assisting in the work of relief in the northern outskirts of l'okio and at Fukuchiyama (Tamba Province) At the latter place the fatalities exceed 800

while the number of people rescued by the troops amounted to 10,000.

COMMERCIAL. YARN MARKET.

In their report dated 6th instant, Messis. Phirozsha B. Petit & Co. write:--

Our last circular was dated the 23rd ult. Anticipations at the close of last mail of some demand at steady rates, have not been realised. We have during the past fortun ht experienced a slackening market, the tone being further weakened by the fluctuations in exchange, the impatience of importers to. realize, and poor clearances. As to the last named contributory factor in producging lower prices, the explanation is found the fact that private advices from the interior report distress among the inhabitants of certain districts brought about by crop failure. Conditions appear to be enough when the Provincial authorities have been urgently applied to for relief consignments of cheap rice to appease the hunger of the people who are said to be in a state of partial starvation. The Kwangchow Prefect still maintains the benevolent policy of a systematic disposal of the staple commodity at cheap prices. While this measure is still in operation it cannot be said that the recuperative powers of the native in the consuming districts are fully restored. Purch ses of yarn will, therefore, be restricted to immediate requirements only.

Business reported during the period under review has been small in volume and restricted to a few selected threads only, at prices which show a decline of \$1 to \$3 per bale on last mail's quotations.

Tapan is relaxing no effort in her self-imposed. contest for a supremacy of the trade in China. An interesting event in the development of trade between this country and herminsular neighbours is the formation of the China Cotton Exporters' Guild in Shanghai. North China Daily News, which chronicles this latest Chino-Japanese confederacy, explains that the Guild, which consists of merchants exporting their cotton to Japan, and apparently chiefly of Japanese nationality, has been established, to quote its opening provisions, "to promote the common interests of the cotton exporters who ship, their cargo to Japan while doing its best in driving the inferior cotton containing much water out of the market." For this purpose testing house, in accordance with the provisions approved b the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association, is established at Shanghai in connexlon with the Guild, at which all regular, as well as secondary, members of the latter are bound to have their raw cotton tested, when they export it to Japan. The rules of the organi ation are carefully and comprehensively drawn up, and a guarantee fund is exacted advance of Shanghai Tls. 500 for each regular member, and hanghai Ils. 800 from each secondary member. At the first general meeting the following officers were elected .- Chairman. Mr. M. Fujise (Mitsui); Committee, Messrs, K. Ogasawara (Menkwa), T. Handa (Handa), S. Miyamoto (Naigai), G. Okada (Tata & Co.) Manager, M. J. Yamasaki (Yeihoh & Co.)

No. 201.-A moderate business transpired selected threads at a decline of \$1 to \$2 per bale. No. 16s.— Not much in favour; special favourite chops fetched last mail's prices. No. 125.—Demand from the consuming dis-

trict has fallen off, and through over-anxiety of holders to realise prices declined \$1 to \$2 per bale without leading to any important business. No ton-Cheap rates induced some busi ness; and sales are reported of selected spinnings at a decline of \$1 to \$3 per bale.

No. 8s.-Remains neglected.;

No. 6s.—Sales of only one chop are reported. The market closes weak.

Sales: -25 bales of No. 61, 2,750 bales of No. 10s., 250 bales of No. 12s., 200 bales of No. 16s, 750 bales of No. 201; in all 3,975 bales. Arrivals:-Per steamers Namsang, Kumsang, and Gregory Apear (from Calcutta)! Socotra, Ischia, and Della (from Bombay) of about 13,000 bales,

Upsold Stock:-About 53,000 bales. Uncleared Stock :-- About 22,0 o bales. Exchange:--We quote to-day as follows:---

T. T. at Rs. 166 per cent. . Demand London T. T. 2.2 11/16d.=3 Demand ... Shanghai..... Tis. 73==\$1co. 31 7/16d, per oz.

Writing under same date, Messrs. Cawasiee, Pallanjee & Co. report :-

Since the issue of our last report on the 23rd. ultimo, per s.s. Arcadia, the dullness in our market has been nore pronounced. Demand has entirely subsided, and the business effected a decline of \$1 to \$2 per bale. Latterly, owing to the steadiness in exchange dealers have entirely ceased buying, while on the other hand importers are not inclined to yield to any further concession in price having in view the steady condition of the Bombay market. close dull and drooping.

No. 6s.—Trifling business at \$2/- decline in No. 8s.:-Continue neglected.

known spinnings at a decline of \$1/- to \$2 per

chops at the above decline in price. No. 16s.:--Very difficult to move, only three

or four tickets in special request. No. 208 :- Values have declined \$1 to \$2 per bale, at which there is but very small inquiry. about 50 bales of No. 6r ; 1,250 bales of No. Ecs. ; 405 bales of No. 125. ; 95 bales of No. 165. hales. Arrivals per steamers Namsang, Socotre, Chipese amployees pass that way,4

to about 13,505 bales. Shipment to Shaughai and Northern Ports of about 3,200 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 41.000 bales.

Local Milis:—No business is reported. Japanese Yarn:-Sales reported are 100 of No 201, at \$126 to \$1261.

Exchange :- We quote on India to-day at Rs. 1664 %. London at 2/2 4d.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

London-Bank T.T......2/2 demand2/2 11/16 America-Bank'T.T. Germany-Bank T.T.2.27 demand...... 166 Shanghai-Bauk T.T.....73 Singapore T.T. 2 prem Tapan—Bank T.T.....108 lava-Bank T.T. Buying. 30 days' sight San Francisco & New York ... 55 a months' sight

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Sovereign to the comment of Autom \$8.90

to days' sight Sydney and Melbourne .. 2.3 9/16

SHANGHAI has been declared an infected port place at Seoul on 27th ult.

GOVERNMENT proposes to convert a portion of the old Western Market into a public latring.

THE officers of the Korean army, numbering | ister at Paris, has now informed the Waiwupu '580, have been relieved of their commissions

THE Rev. A. D. L. Ennis, Chaplain at Chelsen Barracks, is to be appointed to Hongkong. TENDERS are invited for the erection of cattle. depôts, &c., and slaughter-house at Ma Tau

THE appointment of Lieutenant A. G. Hami ton to the Tamar, receiving ship at "longkong;

has been cancelled.

Title Tainan Sugar Manufacturing Company of Formosa has decided to increase its capital

from Y250,000 to Y2 000,000. LIEUTENANT J. F. Sloane-Stanley arrived from En, land per s.s. Manila on and instant, on

posting to 3rd Middlesex Regiment for duty. THE marriage is announced of Senhor J. M Valdez, formerly Portuguese Consul-Genera at Shanghai, to Mile. Léonie Frère, daughter

of a former Belgian Consul at that port. An interim dividend of twenty-five per cent upon the capital in respect of the 1906 crop payable on the 10th inst., has been declared by the Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ld.

DANGIER: alias Vilin, assistant-Postmaster at the Khabarovsk Post Office who absconded with Rls 100,000 has been arrested near Tokio at the instance of the Russian authorities.

A Peking dispatch states that there is ever prospect of Prince Pu Lun being chosen Heir Apparent, upon the arrival of Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai and Chang Chih-tung in Peking.

Till: German detachment, at Shanhaikuan, has Shih-kai has deputed Taotai Li Tin-hsin, the Peking Military Secretariat, to take over the place vacated.

l'HE Russian gun-boat *Djijdjit*, which has [been lying for months at the bottom of the Western harbour of Port Arthur, has at last been raised. The Russian vessel left for Nagasaki last week, towed by the Yoritomo-

THE Hon, Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges wit thanks the following donations to the funds

of the hospitals:-Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.C \$15 L. Gibbs 10

VICEROY Chang Chihetung has written to the Waiwupu protesting against the "interference of Sir John Jordan in relation to the proposed Government monopoly for the sale of prepared opium, and urges that the Central Government "stand firm" on its rights and start the scheme without reference to autside opposition.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 1st September, 1907:-

Library Museum Non-Chinese..... 365 Chinese 158

THE N. C. D. News of 2nd inst. says:--Yesterday at the Municipal Electricity Works was started on a trial what is believed to be the first steam turbine in China used for the of the cart passing over her foot. She was generation of electricity. The turbine runs at I a speed of 1,500 revolutions per minute and sable to appear in Court to-day and she was develops 1,350 horse power. It was built by compensated for the injury done to her fact. Messrs Parsons & Co., of Newcastle-on Tyne.

THE Japanese Government revenue from the forests of the country is rapidly increasing. The revenue from this source for last yest is estimat ed at Y4,700,000, and actual receipts showed an increase of Y100,000 above the estimate. The estimate for the present year is Y7,200,000, and the actual receipts so far promise to show an confined to actual requirements, prices showing | estimate for next year may be put at Y 10,000,000, District Forest Offices decided to make that the official figure.

of Tientsin gives a shocking description of a his certificate back, veritable plague spot in the French Concession and adjoining the Japanese Concession where, KUDAR BUX, a soldier, attached to the Indian morning, before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, with as he points out, the Tientsin cholera outbreak has been most marked. Sourced to action by got himself into trouble at Yau-ma-ti on Saturcleared away great heaps of filthy rubbish on certain vacant ground in their Concession | Soon after leaving the crowded streets of Yan- ing. \$86 worth of clothing and money, was | commended by a German firm (Juishen Yang-No. 128:-Trifling inquiry for desirable where coolies gather daily to take their meals, ma-ti behind him for the Kowloon City Road. but the surrounding hevels and poor tenements | Kudar applied his whip on the mule. Result : | the compradore, who told him to keep quiet | ment is only an experiment. Mr. Tu Pei-la are liable still to harbour infection, their roofs -One public ricksha reduced to kindling until the vessel's arrival here. Reaching Hong- will enter into his duties after the summer and walls recking with fifth. Unless these premises are destroyed, he adds, further sick- damaged, and a manslaughter case, so it was be locked up and searched and the thief dis- duties of teaching, Mr. Tu will conduct scienti ness will take place. He says that people stated, narrowly averted. Damage altogether covered. Soon after the vessel dropped auchor fic analysis in connexion with the Arsenal

Kumsang, G. Apear, Ischia and Delta amount | MR. R. H. Crofton has been appointed to acas Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clock o Councils, during the absence on leave of Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, with effect from the 24th

WE are informed that it is proposed to hold biles of No. 16s, at \$118 to \$122, and 150 bales | Robert Morrison Centensty meeting in the City Hall on the 10th September at 7:30 p.m. It is believed that His Ex ellency Sir Francis Lugard will preside.

> THE Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd. announces that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending August' 17, 1907, amounted to 22,047.17 tons, and the sales during the same period to 19,356.52 tons.

> SECOND Lieutenant L. F. Sloane-Stanley Middlesex, Regiment, having been transferred from the 4th Battalion, Londonderry, to the 3rd Battalion, Hongkong, has been removed at his own request from the list of candidates for appointment to the Army bervice Corps.

LIEUTENANNT and Quartermaster G. A. Ben- | treaties. son; Royal Army Medical Corps, Carragh, has been ordered to embark for Tientsin, North China, early in October; and Lieutenant and Quartermaster J. Glennon, of the same department, Belfast, has been similarly ordered to Hongkong.

THE wedding took place on 28th ult. at Shanghai of Mr. Charles J. Head, of the Shanghai 4 months' sight Germany 2.331 daughter of the late Mr. John Chatham. Both Bank of England rate 44 % of Shanghai and were the recipients of hearty

THE officer commanding the 4th Battalion Middlesex Regiment has received orders to prepare a draft of 154 non-commissioned officers and men to join the 3rd Baltalian, Hongkong This draft will embark on the s.s. Sicilia, a Southamption about October 31 next for con-THE coronation of the Korean Emperor took | veyance, along with other drafts, to the Far

> In regard to the question of redeeming th Yunnan Railway from the French syndicate concerned, H.E. Liu Shih-bsun, Chinese Minthat the French Government is not willing t entertain the idea, until, at least, after the completion of all the lines which had been agree

Arthe instance of Constable G. Bird the masters of eight cargo boats wire charged before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, in the Marine Magistrite's Court last Monday with lying alongside the steamship Alesia, on Saturday in such a way that free access to the Northern fairway was blocked. The accused had nothing to say and had to pay Sto each for their mis

Signor C. Baroli, Italian Minister at Peking. has been decorated by their Imperial Majestics with the Star of the Double Dragon of th First Class, Third Division, in recognition of His Excellency's efforts in promoting friendly relations between China and Italy. The N. D. News understands that the Italian Minister is about to return home on a well-carned

LAST Sunday morning, a young Chinaman was found by the police lying in Des Vœux Road, immediately opposite the back of the City Hall in an unconscious condition. Ite died on the way to the Government Civil Hospital. The cause of death is not known. The theory advanced, however, is heart failure. Deceased was later identified as Leung Lam, an um biella mender, of First Street, West Point.

MARQUIS SAIONJI, the Japanese Prime Minister, has issued instructions to his Ministers to the effect that, now that friendship is rest red between Russia and Japan and the Agreement has been concluded, the people should endeayour not to entertain any misconceptions, but of the recent stories of Russian spies in Japan.

called at the Magistracy, last Monday afternoon, to attend the Coroner's inquiry, its owner failed to put in an appearance. Three-quarters of an hour later, Mr. Morrison turned up, looking very heated. After the inquiry, he was asked to explain his absence. "I was at work in the harbour," he replied. Mr. Morrison was then told to be sure that he would be present at the Hongkong Hotel inquiry to be held on Wednesday afternoon.

SINCE the assassination of Mayeda by Japanese under the belief that the former acted as a spy for Russia, some Japanese i Takyo have begun to view with suspicious eyes those Russians who formerly associated with the deceased, and a certain person sen a menacing leffer to a Russian. The latter naturally began to feel that his life was unsafe and applied to the Russian Minister in Tokyo to ask the Japanese Government for adequate protection. The Russian Minister on th 19th ult. unofficially approached the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs on the subject.

IP FO YIN, a milk coolie, employed by the Dair Farm Co., Ltd., this morning (5th inst.) forfeited So at the Police Court, through his negligence. Ip was charged with carelessly driving a care and causing injury to a young girl, residing at No. 10, New Street. Accused had charge of pleased with the outlook. the company's milk cart and was returning to the town depôt. Somewhere in Hollywood Road he lost control of the cart which broke away, and a girl was knocked down, the wheal I sent to hospital for treatment. She was

THE narrow escape which the Southern Mar of the Ferry service had from a collision wit a Naval Yard launch in the morning of the 28th ult. was related to Commander Basil R. H Taylor, R.N., in the Marine Magistrate's Court last Monday. Mr. E. Bruce Shepherd said be was setting aft on the Southern Star when he noticed the Naval Yard launch O. C. 40 overincrease of about Y200,000 above that figure | taking them, evidently trying to cross the bows during the interval has been very small and for the whole year. It is considered that the of the ferry boat. When a collision seemed imminent the Sauthern Star was stopped and and a recent meeting of the Directors of the Naval Yard launch managed to scrape past. The Magistrate suspended the certificate of the Master, Tang Kan, of the launch for one YAU TAK, a coolie, who was banished from month, and ordered him to appear for ex-A CHINESE correspondent of the China Times | mination as to his proficiency before receiving

Transport Department, stationed at Kowloon. cart and was on his way to Kowloon City. wood, another thrown into a ditch and ricksha coolie. No fine was imposed,

FRIENZS will be pleased to hear that Inspector THE proceedings in the case of the Japanese Station; has successfully pulled through an islands and on the Alaska Shore has been dis- with stealing two ducks, at West Point, on Wedoperation for appendicitis, performed on him in the London Hospital.

IT is reported from Foochow that all the opium shops and dens in that city have now been closed by the authorities, and that persons found guilty of violating the law in that respect have been severely punished.

WE have received the following Typhoon Warning from the Consul-General for the United States, who received it from the Manila Qbservatory of a, 15 p.m. — 12.15 p.m. September 4th, 1907. A believe probably about E. N. E. of Manila belween 17 and 20 lat.

PEKING dispatch reports that the Britisl Minister has protested against the establishment of the Frepared Opium Bureau by the Liangkiang Government in Kiangsu province, on the ground that a Government monopoly of this kind is contrary to the Anglo-Chinese

THE Walwupu has asked Viceroy, Tuan Fang to send up a list of Chinese gentry and merchants who assisted in Red Cross work in aid of their fellow countrymen in Manchutia during the late war between Japan and Russia, for recommendation to the Throne for the bestowal of rewards.

THE N. C. D. News understands that the Waiwupu has, in response to the request of the British Minister, instructed the provincial governments of Kiangsu, Kiangsi, Hupeh and Szechuan to delay starting official bure ux for the sale of prepared opium, pending negotiations with the British Government.

THE Chinese arrested for the theft of \$50 from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Shanghai on Wednesday last appeared at the Mixed Court on the 30th ult. Det. Egt Eck prosecuted and the principal evidence was that of the Bank's coolie who detected the theft. The accused was found guilty and sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

IT is reported that Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai, has asked the Central Government to be allowed to suspend temporarily the minting of ten-cash copper cents in his province of Chihli, owing to the large accumulations of that coin at present in the Provincial Treasury. Any excessive surplus of the coin will lead to the cheapening of this currency in the province.

MAJOR S. Macdonald, Royal Aray Medical Corps, stationed at Woolwich, has been placed under orders for service at Hongkong, for which he will embark on Oct. 31. Major Macdonald has been over 20 years in the medical branch of the service, and he had considerable professional experience in the Tirah Expedition, 1807-08 (medal with two clasps).

IT is stated in a Ban Francisco despatch of and ult, that the German tramp steamer Toloson lost twenty-four members of its crew that day. The Orientals deserted the ship, they claim, on account of the cruelty practised upon them by the captain and first officer, who beat and starved them. 'The Chinese are now guests of the United States Government in the Alameda county jail, pending the arrangements for their deportation.

MR. C. M. Cotterman, director of the insular posts, upon the suggestion of the Postmaster-General of Hongkony, has in a circular letter called the attention of all steamship companies with agencies in this port to their irregul r and illegal practice of having ship's letter boxes in their office filled with general correspondence. This practice is general in Manila as well as 'Hongkon', and is due no doubt to an over sight on the part of the companies. Mr. Cotterman's circular should serve to set affairs right | ter of Foreign Affairs, while Grand Cordons of in this regard—Cablenews.

been entirely withdrawn and Viceroy Yuan This step presumably has been taken in view the Police at Tsim-tsa-tsui Police Station, to Affairs, in recognition of the conclusion of the the effect that an Indian follower named Russo-Japanese Treaties, Chunee, belonging to the 19th Infantry, had WHEN the name of G. Dougall Morrison was been missing for nearly twenty-four hours. The King has been pleased to give and grant When the report was made inspector Kerr unto Frank Harris, Esq. commander of the remembered that late on Sunday night a Chinese Revenue cruiser. Chuentino, His Kowloon Godown watchman informed him Mojesty's Royal licence and authority that he that he had seen an Indian jump off the may accept and wear the Star of the Fourth police pier into the harbour. That night the Class of the Imperial Chinese Order of the harbour was searched, but without result. On | Double Dragon, conferred upon him by His Tuesday morning, however, Chunce's corpse Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Chins, i was found floating off the police pier. It was recognition of valuable services rendered by picked up and taken to the morgue. The him. police believe that the man committed suicide.

A.DESPATCH dated Mexico City, Aug. 2, says: - | Grist, applied for his discharge in the Bank-The sequel of the dramatic story of the cruise | ruptcy Division of the Court, last Thursday. of the steamer Maori King was told at the Mr. Grist said that his client was entitled to his Chinese legation here to-day. Some months discharge. The whole question was how long ago the vessel left the Asiatic coast; carrying | could the Court keep it back. It seemed use 935 Chinese and 350 Russians. Investigation less to keep a man hanging about unable to do has disclosed the fact that the Chinese anything and he hoped that the Court would were kidnapped. Three contractors induced I deal with the case as lightly as possible. Mr. the men to board the steamer on the Justice Wive: I have read the report through promise to take them to a place called and I propose to suspend the discharge for two Mexico, which the contrac ors declared was | years. situated in China near Hongkong. After the boat had been out for thirteen days and no HO TSAU, an unemployed Chinaman, was arland had been sighted the Chinese became alarmed and threatened to kill one of the contractors. Later a pitched battle was fought between the Chinese and Russians. They are now working on the Sonora railway and are I roll of serge, four umbrellas and two pairs of

WHILE on duty in Station Street South, Yauma-ti, last Tuesday afternoon, a lukong caught sight of a coolie, who was carrying a bag, hurrying to the direction of the umping Station. At first the officer paid little or no amend the charge on Monday. The case was attention to the coolie, but later his suspicions | further adjourned. were aroused and he bailed the coolie. The latter started to run, with the result that he was pursued and captured. Taken to the Yau-mati Police Station, the coolie, who gave the name of Chan Lan, was searched and in the bag was found a bunch of skeleton keys. He failed to explain how he came by them, and on Wednesday morning he was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the instance of Sergeant Appleton, with being in u lawful possession of the key. The charge was proved and his Worship passed sentence of three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks. At the expiration of the term he will be deported.

Singapore during the earlier part of last week, arriving here last Tuesday with a number of other deportees on board the steamer Gregory Aper, was charged at the Police Court, on Wednesday kong, the compradore said, the deportees would vacation of the school. In addition to hi l four hours' stocks.

Arthur, Langley, late of the Water Police | sealer charged with peaching at the Pribiloff missed by the Washington Courts.

> LEAVE of absence to England on the recommendation of a Medical Board has been granted to and Lieut, V. R. Guise, R.G.A., from 7th September, 1907, to 6th March, 1908.

diesex Regiment, who has just been transferred to the ard Battalion, Hongkong, has been promoted lieutenant after two and a balf years'

The to egram quoted below was received at the U.S. Consulate-General from the Manile Observatory at 12.15 p.m., last Thursday:-September 5th, 1907, 11.30 a.m. Typhoon probably recurving northeast of Luzon is about to lat.

A FEW changes occurred among the police last Wednesday, Inspector Collett, who for two months had charge of Mount Gough Police Station, the Peak, returned to, No. 7 Police Station, the vacancy at the Peak being filled by Sergeant Garrod. Sergeant Featon returned to the Central from No. 7 Police Station.

A WUCHANG letter states that members of the Hupeh foreign-modelled Army and representaives of education in that province have lately been occupied with the project of putting up a bronze statue of Viceroy Chang Chih-tung. in some conspicuous place in Wuchang. This having come to the ears of his Excellency, he at once issued orders to stop the movement.

On Aug. 23, the Bangkok Customs guard on duty found 14 tins of opium on the bridge deck and 37 tine behind the donkey, boiler of the engine-mom of the s.s. Chow Fa, from Singapore. All the ties were ten-tael line, the opium being valued at Bangkok at over 3,500 ticals. The police would be happy to have the acquaintance of the owner or owners.

LIEUTENANT, A. Mellin has been appointed first lieutenant of the Tamar, receiving ship a Hongkong, vice Lieutentant A. G. Hamilton. whose appointment has been cancelled, and who has joined the battleship Ramillies. Lieutenant Mellin has served in the Royal Navy since October, 1896, when he was appointed lieutenant on the supplementary list.

SAHJOO, a fireman on board the ste.. mer Gregor, Apear, was last Thursday sentenced by M Hazeland, at the Police Court, to three weeks' imprisonment for assault. Sahjoo was found guilty of striking the head fireman, Sahon, on the head with a bambon pole, which necessi tated the latter's removal: to hospital, suffering from a scalp wound. Sergeant Davis made the

A TOKIO despatch of 1st inst., in the N. C. L Nezve, says: - In compliance with a request by Koreans, the Residency eneral has dispatched a lieutenant-colonel with a number rendarmes to Kanto, on the Chinese-Koreat border, in the Haingyong province, for the purpose of protecting Korean subjects. As China insists that the ownership of Kanto hers a conflict is probable. .

An accident, which ended fatally to a Chinese fireman, occurred the other day while the steamship Tsinan was on her way to Hongkong from Australian ports. Ore of the firemen, it appears, while at work lost his balauce and fell into the stokehold. He was picked up and every assistance shown him, but he succumbed to his injuries when the vessel arrived in port last Thursday morning.

GRAND Cordons of the Order of Pavlovnia have been bestowed upon M. Stolypin, Russian Premier, and M. Isvolsky, Russian Ministhe Order of Alexander Nevsky have been bestowed upon Mr. Salonji, Japanese Premier to comply with the spirit of the Agreement. On Monday morning, a report was made to and Viscount Hayashi, Minister of Foreign

"R. F. Kiene, through his attorney, Mr. E.

raigned in the Police Court, last Tuesday, to answerseveral charges of larceny. According to the indictments Ho was alleged to have stolen between the 25th ultimound the 1st instant one trousers, valued at \$73.50, the property Messrs, H. Cruz & Co. Several days ago Ho was arrested for being in unlawful possession of the above-mentioned goods. He was detained, with the result that after careful inquiries had been made the police were enabled to

THE Government mints which were established some time ago by the Board of Finance have begun to turn out coin. The new style silver pieces have been made under inst uctions from the Board, the treasury of which has furnished the sum of one million tacks for the expenses of the establishment. money was sent down to Tientsin by rail on the 22nd uit. Twelve boxes of samples of papermoney have been prepared by the Board of Finance and submitted to Their Majesties for TBANG YAN BANG, a fitter, residing at 6, Kowinspection. Their Majesties expressed them | loon City Road, was released on bail of \$100 at selves highly pleased with the samples and ordered Prince Tsai-tsze to take great care that the printing of the notes was carefully carried

H. E. VICEROY Yuan Shih-k'ai has received a report from Taotai Chang Shih-chien, Director of the Kiangnan Arsenal, with reference to the employment of an experienced English scionlarceny on the high sear. Ho Hang, an actor, who I tist of Shanghai named Tu Pej-lai (in Chinese) was a passenger by the same vessel, was the to serve as scientific teacher in the arms school No. 104: Small sales in favourite well the French authorities have day afternoon last. Kudar had control of a mule complainant. He stated that one night, while on of the Arsenal for twelve hours each week at the trip to this Colony, his pillow-box, contain. Its. 300 per mensem. Mr. Tu Péi-lai was restolen from him. He reported the matter to hong) without agreement, because the engage-Sales during the past formight comprise of living in the British, German and French Con-Lestimated at \$20. Kudar was arrested for in the harbour, suspicion fell on the accused. whenever he is requested to do by the director. cossions take little notice of this central plague. reckless driving and damaging property. At He was searched and part of complainant's from whom he will receive his instructions spot because they seldom enter this district, the Police Court, on Monday, Mr. Melbourne property was found on him. His Worship sen- Viceroy Yuan has ordered Taotal Ching to and 455 bales of No. 2011 in all about 2,355 but they should not forget that nearly all their ordered him to pay compensation to the tenced accused to six weeks' hard labour and report this scheme to the Ministry of War for

LAST Thursday, a street coolin was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, in the Police Court, nesday. Asked as to where he got the ducks, accused replied : "I caught them." Sequel-Three weeks' gaol; six hours' stocks,

THE N. C. D. News of Sist ult. says :- The many friends of Mr. Albert E. Prebble, an old resident of Shanghai, will regret to hear that he SECOND-Lieutenant L. Sloane-Stanley, Mid- died at the General Hospital yesterday at 7 p.m. after a brief illness. Mr. Probble was for many years connected with Messrs. Hall & Holtz Weeks & Co., Lane, Crawford & Co., and subsequently founded the Broadway Drapery. More recently still he has done business as a broker and commission agent.

> MESSES. Wheelock & Co write under date Shanghai, 20th ult.; on the "Coastwise" freight market :- Although rates are still "rotten" on the coast there are signs of an improvement, setting in and by end of next month when the new rice crop from the Vanglaza River Ports comes on the market the "liners" should find themselves kept fairly b sy, but it is impossible as yet to say whether this will benefit "outsiders" to any great extent.

ANOTHER extremely sad death occurred in the Settlement yesterday, reports the N. C. D. News of 2nd inst. Mrs. Tu ner who has been in the employ of Messre. Weeks & Co., Ld., for a little over three years, was taken ill with cholera on Saturday evening and died yesterday morning. Mrs. Turner was an active assistant to several charitable undertakings and her loss will be felt by many friends in Shanghai...

ACCORDING to Reuter, says a Tokio despatch of 30th ult., to the N. C.D. News, the suggested restriction to put on Japanese immigration into Canada is discredited at Tokio, as the reported arrangement, by which not more than 600 Japanese are allowed to enter Canada yearly, never existed. The Boston Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution against discrimination in the matter of the movements of lapanese, as likely to evoke ill-feeling,

Tilk British North Borneo Herald says: -- 8.6. Barneo arrived in port from Hongkong on the morning of 6th ult. We are informed by Captain Sembill that when two days' out from Hongkong, in the midst of the China Sea, the Borneo ran over a whale about sixty feet long and killed it. A slight shock was felt and the sea was covered with blo d and foam. Captain Sembill states that the occurrence is so very rare that had it been told him he would have had grave doubts about accepting the story.

Wong Un, a stoneculter, residing at Hunghom, was this morning (31st ulto.) sent to the Gapl Hospital to be placed undermedical observation for a week, as it is believed his teason is unscated. Wong was found in house it. Lo Lung Hang at two o'c ock this morning. He was turned over to the Hunghom police and charged with entering a dwelling house with felonious intent. After his arrest the stonecutter acted in a most peculiar manner, which led the police to believe that he was not responsible for his

SERGEANT Lee, of No. 2 Tolice Station, last Sunday arrested Shiu Shan, a ricksha coolie, plying for hire without a driver's licence. While the coolie was being interrogated at the station a lukong searched the man and no less than eleven counterfeit ten-cent pieces, were found on him. He was locked up on a charge of being in unlawful possession of more than three counterfeit coins. On Monday morning. he was placed before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne. at the Police Court, to answer the charge, The excuse accused gave was that he got them from fares. I he case was adjourned for further

WHEN Lau Fung, a married woman, residing at 5, Lo Lung Hang, Hunghom, returned home last Sunday forenoon from the market, after purchasing the day's provisions, she found a man busily engaged in ransacking her room, Dropping her basket, she chased the intruder through the back door, which was open, down the alley and into the main road, where he was captured by a lukong. The man, who gave the name of Tse Loong, a coolie, residing in a matched on the hillside, was then removed to the Hunghom Police Station. On him was found two pairs of bangles, which Lau Fung recognised. On Monday morning, Sergeant Watt charged the accused with housebreaking and theft at the Police Court. Mr. Melbourne sent him to gaol for three weeks, with four. hours' stocks.

THE Lord Chancellor and Lords Macnaghten. James of Hereford, Robertson, and Atkinson delivered judgment in an appear from a finding of the Court of Appeal in a case involving the question whether nine seamen of the steamship Franklys, who had refused to proceed in the vessel to a Japanese port with coal during the Russo lapanese war, and had consequently been imprisoned for desertion at Hongkong and subjected to other injuries, were entitled to recover for malicious prosecution, wages and maintenance, and damages. The Court of Appeal had held that they could so recover. except so far as related to the claim for malicious prosecution, and their Lordships now upheld this finding by a majority, and dismiss-'ed the appeal. The case has been before the courts two years, and the facts are well known,

CHAN HEUNG, a fisherman, residing at Laptau. was charged at the Police Court, this morning (3rd inst.)., with disturbing the peace last night and assaulting a lukong. He was convicted and fined on each charge. The fisherman arrived in the Colony yesterday and last evening he started out, with what money he had, saved, to see the town. Arriving in Un Fook Lane he called, at house No. 1, but was refused admittance. This aroused Chan's temper, and he started to bring down the door. A passing policeman was attracted by the noise. He approached the excited fisherman and told him to desist. The latter asked the policeman to mind his own business. Chan continued to bombard the door, regardless of all warnings. There was nothing left for the officer to do than to place him under arrest. This he did eventually, after receiving a thrashing;

the Police Court, this morning (3rd inst.), to apnear for trial on Friday, Teang was charged before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, at the instance of Policeman Counsell, with being a rogue and vagabond, having no fixed place of abode, and no means of subsistence. Long after the Han Wong Theatre, at Kowloon City, had closed last night, one of the actors heard a noise outside his room. On going to investigate he found a man standing in the corridor. When his presence became known the intruder made an effort to leave the premises, but he was seized and turned over to the police. Accused denied the charge. He had been unemployed for some time, headmitted. He had no money; but he had a home. His Worship adjourned the case to allow accused to call his witresses.

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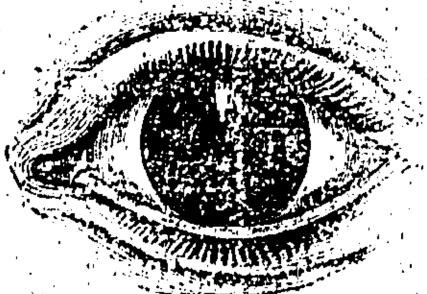
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All these monsters lost much in the cutting. The Koh-I-Nor was whittled down from 790 carats when found, to 186, and subsequently to 102f carats. The Regent went down from 280 to 136. The Star of South Africa from 288 to 135. A big black diam and found in Brazil weighed 3,032 carats, but it was cut up and used for diamond drills. Except this, the new Culliuan is three times bigger than any other diamond yet discovered. It might lose from 40 to 60 per cent, in weight in the process, depending on the shape of the stone, but the cutters would probably leave it as large as possible, so that "as large as a girl's fist " will probably describe the new gem to be added to the Crown jewels of England. A short account of some of the historic diamonds may be of interest.

. The Koh-l-Nor is known from history in 1304, when Sultan Alaced-din got it from the Rajah of Malwa. In 1536 it passed by conquest into the hands of Aurungzeebee, who used it as one of the eyes of the peacock throne. * adir Shah conquered Mohammed Shah in 1739, and got the diamond from the defeated monarch (who had concealed it in his turban) by exchanging head dresses as a token of reconciliation. Con fiscated by the East India Company in 1849 on the annexation of the Punjaub, it was presented to the Queen, and suffered much by injudicious

The Great Mogul was found on the Kistna about 16 o. Its history through the sack of Delhi is lost, and it is believed to have been stolen and broken up.

The Orloff diamond, is also an Indian stone and formed the eye" of an 'idol in a temple at Seringam, whence it was said to have been stolen by a French soldiar. It is now mounted in the imperial sceptre of the Tsar.

The Regent, likewise Indian from the Kistna, was found by a slave who stole it and escaped to the coast, where he sold it to an English skipper by whom he was killed, Thomas Pitt, grandfather of the first Earl of Chatham, bought it and had it cut. Pitt sold it to the Duke of Orleans for £135,000 but it was subsequently valued at £800,0.0.

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STRENGZII OF A PYTHON.

tigers, a writer in "Nature Notes" pays :-I hoped to have lived for a considerable time in the depths of the junglatin Upper, Burma, where anakus and tigers were frequent ly to be met with and though I did not trouble I came across yet one thing I could not help noticing was the extraordinary fear that all the large unimals had for even the smallest

To my mind, the story of "Three in a Tree" is absurd, because I am convinced that' to tiger would willingly remain in a tree, if python were there, quite apart from the fact that it is to absurd talking and arguing about a tiger being in a tree at all. Still if a huge python and a tiger did come in contact, ne' suppose on mre occasions they may have, do not think that it would be such a onesided affair as is supposed. I have killed scores of snakes myself in the jungle, and experience taught me that "that long and delicate hack hone " takes a great deal more breaking than one would ever imagine. Wha is more, the blow of a snake-especially of a huge py hon, is so tremendous that it would break nearly every bone in the body (feven so large an animal as that of a tiger, and leave it almost at the mercy of the python.

Of course, I know that if a python, lay still and allowed a tiger to do what it liked, the tiger could rip the python to pieces i but the whole idea of their fighting is, to my mind, absurd. The sight of a snake seems to almost paralyse the larger animals of the jungle. have been on an elephant more than once when a small snake has been lying in the path. The effect was interesting. The elephant would stop dead and perceptibly shiver, and on being goaded by the rider would seem to wake up, and to all appearances, by the trumpeting, was in a great state of mind.

. Suddenly the animal would rear up on its hind feet and come down with its huge front feet on the wretched snake crushing it to a mere pulp and it would take the elephant quite an hour to calm down from the excitement caused by

Suppose a tiger and python did fight, I for one would back the pythan, almost for a certainty. What would happen if a tiger and a ten-foot. Hamadryad (such as I have killed several times) came in contact? Of course, the tiger could easily kill him, but I know well the tiger would die too; but such a contact is impossible, because natural instinct has taught the tiger never to touch a snake. Quite apart from their poison, a snake is a much more powerful thing than many people realise. The force with which they strike is simply terrific, as I have cause to remember. Quite a small one struck me on the boot-it was only assmall snake of from fifteen to eighteen inches in length, but I can remember the pain it caused me to this day.

OKIGIN OF THE MOON.

SEPARATION FROM THE EARTH,

Of late years a great change has taken place in the views of astronomers concerning the constitution and development of the solar system. For a long time Laplace's nebular theory, held the field, and was believed to account for all the main features of the system. Accorto this theory, the original mass, from which the sun, planets, and satellites were evolved, was diffused gaseous material, filling a spheroidal space extending at least to the orbit of Neptune (the planet most distant from the sun), and rotating in a period equal to the time of revolution of that planet. Laplace believed, and endeavoured to prove, that as this gas contracted by gravitation rings would at interval be detacked from the central mass, and consolidating, would eventually form the planets and satellites of our system. On this hypothesis the moon must have been at one time a ring detached from the earth. Recent investigators, Sir George Darwin, Professor F. R. Moulton, and Professor T. C. Chamberlain, have, however, shown that the nebular theory as propounded by Laplace is not consistent with facts. Professor Moulton has proved that the matter detached from the supposed fotating gaseous spheroid would be shed continually, and that no separate rings could be formed. The 'ring theory " has therefore to be abandoned, and a new hypothesis of the origin of the moon, and other satellites has to be sought. It may be mentioned that the fejecti, n of Laplace's great generalisation does not mean the rejection of the nebular theory'

SIR GEORGE DARWIN'S THEORY. 'A new and startling explanation of the formation of the moon was put forward some years ago by Sir George Darwin, and is now generally accepted by astronomers. Tris theory, with deductions from it, forms the subject of a very interesting article in "Harper's Monthly Magazine" for June, by Professor W. H. Pickering, of the Harvard Observatory. Darwills view is that the moon was originally part of the earth, and was separated from it by centrifugal force. In order to understand his argument we must bear in mind that the friction arising from the tides which are caused by the moon is continually retarding the rotation of the earth. So slight, however, is this retardation that the day is only a fraction of a second longer than it was 2,000 years ago.

It is now known that the interior of the earth is solid. In early geological times, this was not the case, and the sun and moon, acting on the molten interior, caused tides far more powerful then those of to-day The retardation. was therefore much greater formerly than it is now. As the moon is constantly retarding the earth's rotation, so, for action and reaction are equal and opposite the earth must be constantly accelerating the motion of the moon: At the moon that it is its orbit is increased, and way from the carth, The n is consequently father from the planet by than it was a thousand years ago, and

it will be still more remote a thousand years hence. Going back some hundreds of million Discussing the relations of pythons and of years, we come to a time when the moon was only a few thous and miles from the earth; and its revolution took only four or five hours, instead of 37 days. O. Darwin hat proved. that at this time the period of the earth's rotation on his axis was also four or five myself much about; he habits - I the greatures | hours, instend of 14, to that the moon must always have been over the same point of the earth's surface. At the rate at which the earthwas then rotating, the centrifugal force at the equator must have been so great that portions. of the surface would be liable to crack and fly off it. Darwin therefore concludes, that at a very early period our planet separated into two parts, one of which formed the moon. To put the case in another way, when the nebulous mass, consisting of the earth and the moon, separated from the sun, it had a rapid rotation on its axis, this rotation increased as the mass condensed. Finally, when a certain velocity was reached, the mass split in two. This, says Professor Pickering, is substantially Darwin s statement of the manner in which the moon came into existence. Darwin has also shown that, when the division took place. the moon could not have been much larger than the earth is now. 'It must therefore have been largely in the solid or liquid forming it is possible, Professor Pickering thinks, that the condergation of our ocean from the atmosphere: of steam furnished the impulse required by Darwin to start the moon upon its way.

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R. A. HEWETT, Superintendent." Hongkong, 5th September, 1907.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENVENUE,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowas, and all Goods remained ing undelivered after the 9th instant, will be subject to ront.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 16th inst.; or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th instant, at 11 A/March No Fire Insurance has been effected, Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB. LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents: Hongkong, 2nd September, 1007.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"MANILA." FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA

PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS. Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each. consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as there Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here, unless instructions are given to the contrary before

Goods not cleared by the 9th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by medin" any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consigner's and the Company's representative at van-ap-C pointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days

of the steamer's arrival here after which date to they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

Hangken z. 2nd September, 1907. S.S. "AUSTRALIEN."

R. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent,

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London'ex s.s. Medoc and Cordonas, from Havre ex s.s. Cordonan, and from Bordeaux ex s.s. Villy de Lille, in connection with a above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained

immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless. intimation is received from the Consignees, before Noon TO-DAY, requesting it to be

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimedafter MONDAY, the 9th September, at Noon, will he subject to rent and landing charges. All claims must be sent in to me on or before....

the 9th September, or they will not be re-All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 9th September, at 3 P.M.

'No Fire Insurance has been effected.' G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Hongkong, and September, 1907. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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days of the steamer's arrival here aften which we date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods, have left the Godowns.

E. A. HRWRTT, a. Superintendent, Hongkong, 4th September, 1007.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES! FROM SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBR AND MOJI,"

THE Steamship ...

"JAPAN," having arrived from the above Ports, Consigness of Cargo by her are hereby informed that it their Goods will be delivered from Alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed. at Consignoss risk and expense into the

hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of up the Hongkong and Kowloom Wharf and Go. down Co., Limited. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

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HONGKONG, CHINA & MANILA. thoughous, 31st August, 1907.

DEATH.

On September 5th, at Shanghai, NUSSER-VANJEE DHUNJEEBHOY SETNA, brother Mr. Sorabjee Dhunjeebhoy Setna, Manager, Phirozsha B. Petit & Co., aged 41 years Deeply regretted.

the Nongkong Celegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1907.

JAPAN'S GOLD COINS.

The Osaka Mainichi's article on the gold currency of Japan, reproduced in our columns last week, has promptly evoked criticism, as it was certain to do, in the columns of the Japan Chronicle in which translation of the article from the vernacular journal originally appeared. In explanation of the exodus of the gold coins from Japan, the writer cited the al leged investigations made by the Yoko. hama Specie Bank which were said to show that it is the custom in South China for rooms to be decorated with gold bullion during the New Year holidays. "Without this ornament," the writer would have his readers to seriously entertain the fiction that "the magnificence of a rich mansion and the dignity of a high family cannot be complete. For this purpose, rich people emulate each other in collecting gold before January. Formerly the gold for this purpose used to be supplied from Manchuria, any deficit being made good by importing the metal from Australia and America. Political changes which have taken place in Manchuria since the Japan-China War Lave cut off the supply, and Australia and America became the only source of supply. Seeing that a gold standard was adopted in Japan, and gold bullion was largely imported by Japan, the clever Chinese decided to take the supply from Japan with less expense, with the result above mentioned." That such a preposterous statement should be animadverted upon, any one having the most elementary knowledge of Chinese social customs in South China will be only too ready to admit. "Gold-seeker" takes to task the statement of the "clever Chinese" decorating their drawing rooms with Japanese gold coins, an explanation which the correspondent describes as certainly "very ingenious," but the theory is admittedly very unsatisfactory. "Gold-seeker" accounts for the depletion of the gold coins by the fact that the dearth of gold buillon in Japan out.

is due to the flooding of the market with paper money. He writes :-- Week after week, in your commercial column, I read that the Bank of Japan issued notes in excess of the legal limit, the last time to the extent of Y44,000,000: "Last June, out of Y463,000,000 of currency in the country, no less-than-Y332,000,000-was-in-notes. In July there were notes in circulation to the "value" of Y304,000,000, against a specie reserve of only Y148,000,000. No wonder the Mainichi asks "Where is the money go- only). ing to?"The Bank of Japan is authorised to issue notes against gold and silver coins 30 only). and bullion, and also on the security of Bonds and Treasury Bills, but in case of only). necessity, the legal maximum limit may be exceeded, in which case the notes are subject to a tax of five per cent. In other words, when the Government is running short, a few reams of paper are passed through the printing press and are, immediately converted into currency. But such currency is not accepted abroad, and goods bought by Japan have to be paid for in gold, bers only). not in greasy paper. Consequently there is an exodus of gold in the ordinary course of trade, and the paper (apparently becoming of doubtful value) remains in Japan. This is only natural, as when two forms of currency are in use, the baser always drives out the better. For the past three years the Bank of Japan has had more than 50 per Two lengths' handicap. cent, of its reserve against notes, bearing promise to pay gold or silver on demand, in "securities," not in specie. In 1904, for every Y100 note, there was only Y29.16 in the Bank in specie; in 1905 Y36.95, and SQUASH, &c., possess the true flavour of last year Y43.07: Japan's currency has been artificially inflated by the issue of notes; and, the correspondent concludes, unless the financial authorities at Tokyo devote some close attention to this subject, and without ahead in the not distant future. It is not the "clever Chinese" who have to be looked after, but the equally cute Japanese.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Tainan Sugar Manufacturing Company of Formosa has decided to increase its capital from Y250,000 to Y2 000,000.

VICKROY Chang Chin-tung has written to the Waiwupu protesting against the "interference" of Sir John Jordan in relation to, the proposed Government monopoly for the sale of prepared opium, and urges that the Central Government "stand firm" on its rights and start the scheme without reference to outside opposition.

THE N. C. D. News of 2nd inst. says:-Yesterday at the Municipal Electricity Works was started on a trial what is believed to be the first steam turbine in China used for the generation of electricity. The turbine runs at a speed of 1,500 revolutions per minute and develops 1,35; horse power. It was built by [810 | Mestry Parsons & Co, of Newcastle-on Type.

> A WUCHANG letter states that members of th Hupeh foreign-modelled Army and representatives of education in that province have lately heen occupied with the project of putting up a bronze statue of Viceroy Chang Chih tung, in some conspicuous place in Wuchang. Th having come to the ears of his Excellency he at once issued orders to stop the movement.

ANOTHER extremely sad death occurred in the Settlement yesterday, reports the N. C. D. News of 2nd inst. Mrs. Turner who has been in the employ of Messre. Weeks & Co., Ld., for a little over three years, was taken ill with cholera on Saturday evening and died yesterday morning Mrs. Turner was an active assistant to several charitable undertakings and her loss will b felt by many friends in Shanghai.

THE British North Borneo Lievald says :- 5.5. Bornen arrived in port from Hongkong on the morning of 6th ult. We are informed by Captain Sembill that when two days' out from Hongkong, in the midst of the China Sea, the Borneo ran over a whale about sixty feet long and killed it. A slight shock was felt and th sea was covered with blond and foam. Captain Sembill states that the occurrence is so very rare that had it been told him he would have had grave doubts about accepting the story.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. W. Scott Moncrieff and Officers, the Band of the Third Batt. "The Dake of Cambridge's Own" (Middlesex Regiment) will play the following programme of music, during dinner, at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow, the 7th inst.:-

Song...... The Holy City " Adams Intermessor: " Forget-me-not " Macbeth Regimental Marches.

God Bless the Prince of Wales. God Save the King.

THE Government mints which were established some time ago by the Board of Finance have begun to turn out coin. The new style silver pieces have been made under instauctions from the Board, the treasury of which has furnished the sum of one million tacls

V.R.C. AQUATIC SPORTS.

The V. R. C. are holding their annual aquatic sports on the 19th, 20th, and 21st instant, and the events, which total 18, are:-

I. HALV-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COL

ONY (open). 2. TWO LENGTHS' HAN MICAP (Open to Army.

Navy and Police). 3. BACK RACE, two lengths.

4. TWO LENGTHS' HANDICAP (Members

. 5. Two LENGTHS' HANDICAP (Members over

6. HURDLE RACE HANDICAP (Members

7 CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY, 200 yards (open).

8. RUNNING HEADER FROM SPRINGBOARD. o. Plunging.

11. HIGH DIVE.

12 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 102 YARDS (mem-

10. FOUR LENGTHS' HANDICAP (members

12. TEAM RACE (Open to Water Polo teams competing in the Shield Competition). Ceven aside. Two lengths).

14. THREE-LEGGED RACE (two langths). 15. BOYS' RACE (12 to 15 years of age). Two

lengths' handicap. 16. BOYS' RACE (under 12 years of age).

17. CONSOLATION RACE.

18. WATER POLO. (Teams to be selected by Committee. Members only). Entries close on Thursday, the 12th September.

The three Championship events are the mos important. C. J. Cooke is without doubt the dead "cert" for the 2.0 yards championship. whilst C Humphreys is looked upon as the winner of the 100 yards' Club Championship The Team Race between all the Water Polo Teams that competed in the present Shield delay, there may be a serious financial crisis | Competition is also sore to attract a great deal of interest. It will, indeed, be difficult to say which team will win this, as the V. R. C. " A, Corinthian Yacht Club, V. R C. "B," 87th Coy., Royal Garrison Artillery, and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club teams are practically all on a level as regards speed.

STEAMSHIP ACCIDENTS.

THE MISHAPS TO SMALL JAPANESE

The accidents to small Japanese steamers have markedly increased of late, and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, which owns a large number of small steamers, is considering means for the prevention of accidents to its vessels. Steamers of small size have notably increased in Japan during the past few years. According to the / latest'shipping returns, there are 1,549 steamers in all throughout Japan. Of this number 1,208 are of under 1,000 tons register, and of that number, 977 represent vessels under 300 tons. These small steamers are generally engaged in coasting and river trade. The increase has resulted in a scarcity of competent seamen, with the result that accidents often occur through imperfect signalling. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha is investigating proposa which have been made for the increase of the aumber of officers of small steamers, and for amending the hours of rest and watch during voyages and also the regulations now enforced for the work of officers and men in harbour. is thought that if reforms can be carried out in these directions they will assist in reducing shipping accidents which have been so fre quent of late .- Japan Chronicle.

Since the assassination of Mayeda by a Japanese under the belief, that the former acted as a spy for Russia, some Japanese in Tokyo have begun to view with suspicious eyes those Russians who formerly associated with the deceased, and a certain person sent a menacing letter to a Russian. The latter naturally began to feel that his life was unsafe and applied to the Russian Minister in Tokyo to ask the Japanese Government for adequate protection. The Russian Minister on the 19th ult. unofficially approached the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs on the subject.

THE Calcutta String Band will play the full, w ing programme of music, at the Kowl ton Hote ta-morrow, the 7th inst., from 4.30 to 10.30 p.m. (weather permitting):-

	APTERNOON PROGRAMME,
March	
	"Wiener Extrabalter" Translateur
Selection	" Three Little Maids" Rubens
Cake-Wak.	"The Troubadour" Powe'll
Serenade	Braga
Selection	Plck of the Basket " W. Williams
Cake-Walk.	
•	DUKING DINNER.
March," U	Inder the Freedom's Flag "F. Nowowiesky
Valse,	Love's Last Words " Cremieur
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Selection "German Songs "..... ---Cake-Walk Dark Town Parado" Fischer Valie Derger Harn-Dance Happy Da'kles "....... E. Godfrey God Save the King. A CHINESE correspondent of the China Times

of Tientsin gives a shocking description of a veritable plague spot in the French Concession and adjoining the Japanese Concession where: as he points out, the Tientsin cholera outbreak has been most marked. Spurred to action by the epidemic the French authorities have closted away great heaps of filthy rubbish on certain vacant ground in their Concession where coolies gather daily to take their meals for the expenses of the establishment. This but the surrounding hovels and poor tenements | ed at ¥4,700,000, and actual receipts showed an money was sent down to Tientsin by rail on the are liable still to harbour infection, their roofs 22nd ult. Twelve boxes of samples of paper- and walls recking with filth. Unless these money have been prepared by the Board of premises are destroyed, he adds, further sick-Finance and submitted to Their Majesties for ness will take place. He says that people inspection. Their Majesties expressed them- living in the British, German and French Conselves highly pleased with the samples and cessions take little notice of this central plague. ordered Prince Tsai-tsze to take great care that spot because they seldom enter, this district. the printing of the notes was carefully carried | but they should not forget that nearly all their Chicese employees pass that way."

THE HARBOUR SWIM.

The harbour race this year is likely to prove an interesting event as no less than eighteer ontries have been received. It is difficult to form an idea as to who will win the medals, as some of the entrants' from the Garrison may create a surprise again as they did last your when Gunner Brotherton, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, finished a long way ahead of Jim Witchell and N. H. Alvas, the two civilian favourites. A. V. Barros, who was second las year, is expected to give a good account of himself this year; he covered the distance from the Police Pier to the VR.C. in less than half an hour the other day together with three

other V.R.C. me nbers. The entries closed yesterday and the competitors are: - Gunner Andrew, R.G.A., A. V Barros, L. le Breton, C. J. Cooke, A. R. Ellis, L. G. Cordeiro, Gunner E. Fleetwood, R.G.A., A. Haller, R.E., J. Howell, H.M.S. Britomart, R. Jivanji, P. M. Remedios, J. M. Roza Pereira, Private Reed, 3rd Middlesex, T. Slade, F. K. Tata, Gunner Vernon, R.G.A., Gunner Ward, R G.A. and R. C. Witchell.

to The race will commence at 5 p.m. at the Police Pier, Kowloon, and finish between V.R.C. and Murray Pier.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

MORRISON CENTENARY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 5th September.

The Morrison Centenary meetings will be opened to-day in the matshed on the new bund at Ching Hoi Mun. H. E. the Acting Viceroy has signified his intention of not accepting the invitation owing to press of business, but has instructed the Brigadier-General of Kwangchow, the two magistrates of Numboi and Panyu, and the Police officials to be present at the proceedings to day.

H. E. WU'S PROMOTION.

As H.E. Chang Yun-chun, Viceroy-designate. is on his way South and there is still no news as to what promotion H.E. We will receive, H. E. will probably have to resume the Provincial Treasurership of the Kwangtung

The Acting Provincial Judge, Kung, ha sent instructions to the different districts throughout the province, ordering that police forces be organised wherever they have no yet been established. Within a few months time the whole province will probably be guarded by properly organised police forces. The measure is in accordance with instructions received from the capital.

VICEROY WU'S GENEROSITY.

H.E. the Acting Viceroy has sent a weiyuan with \$600 to the Central Anti-opium Association as his subscription towards the funds of that institution.

ANTI-OPIUM MOVEMENT.

The prohibition of opium smoking in Ko Kong, since the establishment of the Ant opium Association, has been strictly enforced. All opium selling establishmen's and divan keepers are required to deposit 200 taels with the Association, and if any of them is found permitting unlicensed smokers to smoke in their premises, or selling opium to unlicensed persons, he will be heavily fined. All opium smokers have been called upon to be registered and to apply for licences. It is also proposed to levy a tax of 4 candareen on every one tas worth of opium sold, 50% of which goes toward the school fund of the district, while the other half goes towards the local authorities.

CANTON RIVER BRIDGE.

With reference to the building of the iron bridge across the river from the Canton side to the Island of Himam, it has been suggested that a large tunnel instead of a bridge across the river should be built. The magis rates of Namhoi and Punyu have been instructed to jointly investigate into the possibility of the construction of this underground sub-way, and they have now forwarded a report of their investigations to H. E. the Acting Viceroy pointing out the disadvantage of such a scheme and the inconvenience of the proposed undertaking." H. E. Wu has expressed his opinion that it is the general wish that the proposal for the building of the tunnel should be abandoned and that the question be dropped. H. E. has also instructed the Kwangchow Prefect, Chan-Mong Tsang, to notify the Canton River Iron Bridge Company of the decision.

HONAM THEATRE.

. The lease of the Honam thea re has been granted to the Ching Ping Company at an. annual rent of \$24,140 for a term of three years, which amount is about a thousand dollars more than the payment of the royalty for the lease of the same theatre for list year. The excess amount will be appropriated towards the prison fund of the Punyu gaol. This theatre is re-opened to-day for theatrical performance. PIRACY.

A few days ago a cargo boat, lader with a cargo of cattle and other goods, was pirated when nearing the Cambridge Barrier. A number of pirates boarded the boat and sailed away with the same to a place where they relieved the boat of its freight and then set it adrift.

Tire Japanese Government revenue from the forests of the country is rapidly increasing. The revenue from this source for last yest is estimat increase of Y100,000 above the estimate. The estimate for the present year is \$7,200,000, and the actual receipts so far promise to show an increase of about Y200,000 above that figure for the whole year. It is considered that the estimate for next yearmay be put at Y 10,000,000, and a recent meeting of the Directors of District Forest Offices decided to make that the official figure.

THE HONGRUNG HOTEL COLLAPSB

INQUIRY CONTINUED.

The inquiry touching the death of the five Chinamen who were killed in the collapse of the eastern portion of the Hongkong Hotel was continued at the Police Court, this afternoon.

Mr. G. E. Morrell, Crown Solicitor, of Messts. Dennys and Bowley, appeared for the Crown Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, represented the Hotel Company; Mr. M. J. D. Stephens watched proceedings for Messrs, Kuhn and Komor. Inspector Smith. attended on behalf of the police.

Mr. Guy Blood was recalled to the stand. He said that just previous to the collapse the hote was fitted with electric lifts. Mr. Morrell-Was there any vibration at-

tached to the lifts ?-Absolutely none. And from the engine-room?-The engineroom was in the old part of the building. In the middle of July last did you remove

the main cross wall ?-No. Did you remove any other wall? - Yes., A partition wall at the back of the building was taken down.

Did the removal of that wall weaken the building to any extent?-No.

On the afternoon of the collapse what was being done?-They were shoring up. Was anybody superintending the shoring?—

Yes. I was, and an overseer. Cross-examined by Mr. Looker: There were quite a number of buildings in the Colony supporting two storeys. These have been in existence for between 20 to 40 years. In the old days of the Culony it was customary to

build the first floor and walls and pillars with blue bricks. Mr. Looker-Are there any Chinese houses in the Colony with blue brick walls carrying | per cent was ant eaten.

three storeys? - Quite a number. Does the quality of blue brick vary at all?-

What is the best quality of blue brick?-Better than red brick.

To what extent a.e they used in Hongkong!? -To a very small extent.

Is it permissible under the Building Ordinance to erect walls and pillars with blue bricks?-Not if there is a storey above it. How long has that been the case?-Since

What do you mean last time when you said that the pillars were architecturally wrong?-1 meant that they were wrong according to pre-

sent-day standards. By present-day standards do you refer to the standard of the Building Ordinance?-Yes.

Now, are many blue bricks existing in the Colony after being in use for many years?-

Have you examined the blue brick of the l collapsed portion of the pillars?-Yes. What quality are they?-Much better than

the quality of blue bricks one sees nowadays. Were the blue bricks of the debris loose or in blocks?—Parts came away loose, the oth instant, for infantry drill. majority came down in big blocks.

Now, the crack that you saw in this pillar, what made you think it was an old crack?-It was a dirty crack. There was dirt inside. And the edges were smoothed off. -

Have you had much experience in forming an opinion as to cracks in brickworks?-Yes.

Large or small?-Large.

You constantly meet with them in the course of your duty?-Yes. How old would you say this crack was?—

should say the crack was at least between one, two or five years old. Was the work which was being carried out nthe northern portion of the building in any

way affecting the other portion?-No. Now, the main walls on the building still standing, are they composed of blue, bricks?-

Would the shock of the collapse put a sever strain on the main walls?-Yes,

Did you inspect them to see if they showed any signs of strain at all?-Yes,

Did they?-Practically none.

You told us last time that pillars 8 and 9 had to carry 80 per cent, more weight than the other pillars along the line?-- Pes. ·Why was that? -On account of brick arches carrying wooden floors running across the east

wing to the main building. Was the shoring, which was being carried but under the north portion of the uncollapsed building, being carried out in an effective manner? -Yes,

Was it possible to be carried out in a more effective manner?-No.

Now, pillar No. 6, did you examine it since you were here last time?-Yes. " Does that appear to be broken off in

different way to the test of the pillats ?-No. Did you notice any appreciable difference in what was left?-About six inches more than in the other pillars.

What do you consider that due to?—Due to the debris knocking it away. Hadrany electric lifts been inserted in the

last wing where the collapse took place?-No. Did the vibration, by the working of the engine in the main building, cause any strain on he pillars in the east wing?-No.

Was there a thunderstoringoing on at the time of the collapse ?- Yes. Now, during thunderstroms are buildings subject to shock?-Yes;

Do you think the thunderstorm which was going on at the time of the collapse was a factor. causing the collapse of this building?-Yes. Mr. B. L. Frost, an employee in the Telegraph Company, said he lived in the Hongkong

Hotel-in the old portion. Mr. 'ooker-Do you remember the evening of the collapse?—Yes.

Were you in your room at the time of the collipse? -- Yes. How long had you to the collapse?-Three or for Where were you before?- greefriend's robe stand is expected here on 8th inst.

in the east wing folith floor is Do you know what the ti returned?--Seventeen minutes to six.

What did you do when you got back to your room ? I sat in a chair, reading.

Was there a thunderstorm going on?-Yes. Did you notice any lightning immediately prior to the collapse? - Yes, I noticed a flash of lightning.

Did you hear the sound of the collapse?-

How close were the connection between the two?—A few seconds.

That is to say that the collapse occurred a

lew seconds after the flish of lightning?-Yevi-Was it a vivid flash? - Yes. It seemed to be. The next witness was Wong Bing, a coolie, employed by the wongkong Hotel. He said he knew the deceased, Leung Wah Ping. Witne s did not see the collapse. He identified Leung Wah Ping the following morning. in the mortuary.

Mr. T. L. Perkins, of the l'ublic Works Department, said it was part of his duty to approve plans for alterations in buildings. I lans were sub nitted for certain alterations to be made in he Hongkong Hotel, in May last. The plans were approved, after the building inspected. The alterations were to erect concrete floors in the east area. After the collapse witness took charge of the external shoring. .

Mr. Morreil-Did you or any of your inspectors examine the work of alteration while n progress?-Yes.

Do you draw any inference that a good deal of the debris came down in large lumps?-Yes. It was well built.

You've seen a great deal of collapses especially in Hongkons?-Yes. In the ordinary collapse do the bricks come down in lumps?-Seventy five per cent. of the

bricks come down separately. Did you examine the beams that came down? -Yes, thoroughly.

Were they ant caten?-Yes. Less than nine Was that a large percentage?-A small per-

At this stage, the inquiry was adjourned until 2.15 p.m. on Monday next, the 9th inst.

VOLUNIBER CORPS ORDERS.

At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, the 9th instant, for infantry drill, Sergt, Downes, 3rd Middlesex Regt., will attend.

RECRUITS' PARADE. At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 10th instant, for infantry drill. Sergt. Downes, 3rd Middlesex Pegt., will attend.

ARTILLERY UNITS.

At headquarters at 5 30 p.m. on Wednesday, ith instant, for 15-pounder B.L. gun drill. Sergt, Windsor, R.G.A., will attend.

At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, the 13th instant, for 15-pounder B.L. gun dril'. Sergt. White, R.G A., will attend.

N. C. O. CLASS.

At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, the At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the oth instant, for 15-pounder B.L., gun drill. Sergt. White, R G.A., will attend.

At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, cith instant, for Maxim gun drill. Sergt. White, R.G.A., will attend.

At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, the 13th instant, for lecture by Staff Officer.

At Inikoo at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 12th instant, for 15-pdr. B L. gun drill. Sergt, White,

TAIKOO DETACHMENT.

R.G.A., will attend. ENGINEER COMPANY. At Kowloon Engine Shed at 9 p.m. on Wed-

nesday, the 17th instant, for technical instruc-

LEFT HALP NO. 1 CO. A general meeting of the above half company will be held at headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

on Wednesday, September 11th. Business:-To elect a shooting committee for the cosping season and to approve various

other matters. RIGHT HALF NO. I COMPANY.

A general meeting of the Right Half No. 1 Company will be held at headquarters on Tuesday, the toth instant, at 6 p.m. when every member is requested to be present.

Mr. T. Fuller joined the Corps on the 28th August, 1907, assigned Corps No. 985 and posted to the Engineer Corpany. Mr. T. G. Weall joined the Corpson on the 30th August, 1907, assigned Corps No. 986 and

posted to the Right Half No. 2 Company.

Mr. R. B. Beattie joined the Corps on the 30th August, 1907, assigned Corps No. 987 and posted to the Right Half No. 2 Company. Mr. J. C. Pendlebury joined the Corps on the 31st August, 1907, assigned Corps No. (8

and posted to the Engineer Company. Mr. J. D. Woods joined the Cosps on the 31st August, 1907, assigned Corps No. 989 and posted to the Right Half No. 1 Company.

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAILS DUK.

German (Goeben) 9th inst. Indian (Lightning) 9th inst. German (Prins Bitel Friedrich) 10th inst. Indian (Kutsang) 14th inst. American (Nippon Maru) 14th inst. Canadian (Empress of India) 24th inst.

-The E. & A. s.s. Empire left Sydney yesterday for this port (via Queensland Ports and

The Boston S. S. Co.'s s.s. Tremont sailed from Manila this morning, and should arrive here on 8th, inst., at noon.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Att Mara, Australian

Line, left Shanghai for this port on 5th inet, The N. Y. K. s.s. Kagoskines Maru, Bombay Line, left Singapore for this port on 5th

inst., and is expected here on tolk inst.

Telegrams.

Kenter's.

The United States and t'e Philippines

. London, 4th September. Some of the American papers are agitating for the sale of the Philippines, statistics published showing that the cost to the United States is already £80,000,000.

The Court-Martial on the Stranding of the 'Commonwealth." The Court-martial on the stranding of the

Commonwealth found Captain Browning guilty. In default of negligence he was reprimanded.

Obituary.

The death of Mr. Edward Greig, the composer, is announced.

Shipping Strikes.

A conference of British and Continental Shipping Federations will be held in London in October with a combined resistance in case of strikes.

Morocco.

A reconnaisance in force from Casablanca on the 3rd instant was heavily attacked on all sides, six miles from the town. "

After several hours' fighting the enemy was driven off and the camp regained.

> OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA. PROPOSED JAPAN-AMERICA SERVICE.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha has decided to open a service between Japan and America, and the necessary proparations are being pushed on. We are informed that the com-'pany has decided to build six steamers of 6,000 tons each. Three of these ships have been ordered from the Mitsui Bishi Yard at Nagasaki, and other three from the Kawasaki Yard, "Kobe, and one vessel is expected to be completed before the end of next year. The American service is to be opened in connection with a certain railway company on the Pacific coast of the United States, and a contract has atready been signed between the Osaka Shosen Kaisha and the railway company. The opening of the service requires a heavy expenditure. The cost of the six steamers is estimated at Y7,000,000 When the cost of the necessary shore-works is added, the total will amount to about Yto,o o, oo. When the new service is opened, the six steamers will be entitled to a steam pavigation encouragement bounty from the Government to the amount of Y1,700,000 anoually. This subsidy alone thus amounts to 12 per cent, of the total per annum, and so i will probably be a very easy matter to raise the capital for opening the new service. The Board of Directors of the company are now considering means for raising the moneywhether to increase the capital, to issue debentures, or to raise a temporary loan.

BRICK AND TILE INDUSTRY 🗻 AN SIAM.

Some days ago we had occasion to make some comments on the manufacturing of bricks in Siam, and the great and growing demand that exist for this material in Bangkok. On that occa ion we omitted to mention anything about tiles which, of course, are in as much demand as bricks. All substantial modern buildings in Siam, more especially in the city and in many towns and villages are roofed with bricks.

It is true that ties as well as bricks are manufactured in Bangkok, but according to appearance they are much inferior to those manufactured selsewhere; and consequently many firms engaged in building have their tiles as well as bric's brought from foreign markets. Those living in dwell ngs roofed by the locally manufactured article, have in many cases to approach their landlords and lay. petitions before them to stop the "rain down" in their rooms! Invariably much damage is done to furniture and other valuable property on account of this leakage through the roofs of their houses in the sainy season. Such, instances are rarely heard of in houses roofed with imported tiles.

The reason for such leakage in Siamese tiles may be traced to the fact that the clay which is worked in the paste becomes inflated owing_to the_humidity,_thus_causing-the-filesto crack, a fact which is of frequent occurrence, which proves that the method in working the tiles must be improved. With improved methods, first class tiles and bricks can be turned out in Siam, as the clay is admirably adapted for the purpose. For this, of course, it will be found necessary to import intelligent workmen. There should be no mixture of half native and half European styles of tiles and bricks. Small ornamental tiles are of little use in keeping out the rain, neither does the roof constructed of such last long.

Besides the manufacturing of tiles and bricks there should also be an opening for the manucoment: There are several localities in Saim that offer splendid prospects for such enterprise, and it is to be hoped that such openings to promote those industries will not be lost sight of. Splendid material for the purpose is plenty of wood in these districts.

for promoting the business .- Stam Free Press. | large amount of freight,

KEIR HARDIL'S FROGRESS.

ARRIVAL AT HONOKONG

By the P. & O. mail steamer Marmora, there arrived at Hongkong yesterday afternoon from Shanghai Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., the leader of that Socialist organization known as the I.L.P. Mr. Hardie is, journeying cound the world in search of health. He has visited Canada," Japan, and is now passing through China on his way to Ceylon, India, Australasia and South Africa.

Soon after his arrival yesterday, Mr. Hardie visited Sir Frederick and Indy Lugard at Mountain Lodge, the Peak. He then spent the rost of the afternoon in the hill districts enjoying the charming scenery from the commanding heights of Victoria Peak. In evening he proceeded on a hurried visit to Canton by the s.s. Falshan and will return in time to resume his journey by the Marmora to-motrow room.

COLLISION IN SHANGHAI.

LOSS OF LIFE.

A somewhat serious collision occurred on the river opposite the Public Gardens last night, resulting in the death of a couple of native boatmen and the sinking of a Chinese junk, reports the Shanghal Mercury of and

About 9.30 p.m. the tender Alexandra was bound up river on a strong flood tide, from the . M. steamer Manchuria, with a number passengers on board, and just after rounding the Pootung Point she collided with a junk heavily laden with bricks, that was anchored on the Pootung side of the river, with a loud resounding crash that was plainly heard in the Gardens and along the Bund. The junk which had a large gaping hole in her bows immediately filled, and sank in less than minute's time, going down bows foremost.

The crew who were left floundering in the rater-raised-loud-cries-of-distress-and-in-a-fewmoments' time a number of sampans were on the scene picking up the struggling men and the loose pieces of wreckage. Captain Ulio, as soon as possible, turned round and proceeding to the scene of the accident did all that was possible and also informed the river police of what had happened. When the collision occurred the Alexandra had all her lights burning and was on her proper course, while the junk was anchored in the fairway just ahead of another anchored junk, neither of which had any lights burning to denote their position. The night was dark and overcast, and it was impossible for any one on board the steamer to see the junks until almost on top of them' and too late to avert a collision. A number of passengers on board the Alexandra stated that Captain Olin was in no wise to blame, as the junks were not showing a single light and nothing was known until they were nearly thrown off their feet by the shick. When the junk sank, she canted over and her mast raked the whole starboard side of the Alexandra, and all the awning stanchions on that side were bent and twisted out of shape, while some other slight damage was also done to the tender. The junk is now lying sunk just clear of the frirway, and steps are being taken to remove her as soon as possible.

THE BRITISH CHINA SOUADRON.

MOVEMENT OF THE SHIPS.

As stated in a recent issue, the Jupin Chronic's says the British China Squadron is now at Vladivostok." From that port the squadron will visit Korea, Korniloff, Port Lazireff, and Nagataki, arrving at the latter port in September. Then the King Alfred will return to Weihaiwei, on September 20th, and when the Admiral has paid a visit to Peking and Hankow, will return to Mirs Bay, where firing practice is to be carried out on Calaber 20th. The Kent on her way down will visit Yokohama and Amoy. The Astras will escort the destroyer flotilla to Chusan and then return to Wnosung, remedies suggested. until relieved by the Flora. The Monmouth Bedford arrives, from Port Lazareff. The heavy gunlayers' tests will be carried out by both vessels, after which they will cruise independently in the Gulf of Pechili, and arrive at Mirs Bay by October 25th. The destroyer flotilla will return to Nagasaki, and after parting with the Astrica at Chusan will return to Hongkong, calling at the China Treaty Ports

> INPAN-CHINA S. S. CO. THE YANGIZE TRIDE.

en route and subsequently rejaining the flag-

ship in Mirs Bay.

Company, which has been lately established by incorporating several Japinese steamship services on the Yangtze, is carrying on business with 14 steamers, the tonnage of which vessels ranges from 900 to 3,600. Eight of them are plying between Shanghai and Hankow, two between liankow and i-chang, two on the Hunan line, one on the Chang-tab line and one on the Pang-yang line. In addition facture of ordinary lime, hydraulic lime, and to these, 19 tug-boats are employed on riverservice. On the service between Shanghal and Hankow, three new steamers—the has been presented the government inspectors Yayang, Nan-yang and Shang-yang, each of now investigating the complaints are to the 3,605 tons, and all built at the Kawasaki Yard, -effect that the immigration service of Canada are running together with five old steamers. can be had at Ratburi, Genkoi, Pachim and The first-named of these new steamers entered Lopburi. The transport would be greatly the service in May last, the second in June and facilitated by railway. Boxes and casks for the last during this months. These three new the purpose can be made on the spot as there steamers being the handsomest vel els everseen on the Langtze scryice between banghai and Persons having capital can invest it with Han of hive aroused special interest on the very great advantage and with no risk what- put of the Chinese, and in addition, the good ever in such an industry, after careful study of prosper of the rice harvest this mar are the places and means of transport, etc. necessary attracting a large number of his seegers and a

NEW DOCKS POR JAPAN.

PROPOSED FRANCO-BELGIAM SYNDICATE.

construct a dockyard at Tanoura, Moji, with a

formed under the style of the Moji Dock Com-

pany. Mr. Loonen, who, as already reported in our columns, returned to Japan a few days ago with a number of influential French capitalists, is reported to be entrusted with Y16,000,000, with which the proposed dockyard is to be constructed, largely extending the works, reclaiming the sea-front from Yamagahana to Tobigasuhana, Moji. An application for a charter of the works, which was made on June 1st, has been amended. The new application gives the details of the work as follows:--The principal object of the undertaking is the loading of coal and the repair of vessels. A coal depot will be built at Okubo, a tunnel being constructed between Moji and Okubo to connect the Kyushu Railway and the depot. stretch of the sea-front from Yamagahana to obigahana by way of Okubo, Aki-biraki and Tanoura is to be acquired, covering an area of about 75,34 .tsubo. The wall of the sea-front of the reclaimed land will be constructed with concrete blocks. The stone obtained from cutting the Okubo tunnel and the dock will be used for reclaiming the sea-front. he depth of the water from the front of the reclaimed land to the front of Okubo will be 30 feet at low tide, allowing a steamer with a draft of 27 feet to go alongside. The sea off Tanoura will be dredged to a depth of 20 feet. The principal works on the shore will be a railway line between Moji and Okubo, the construction of a coal depôt, a canal to Tanoura, two slip-ways and two dry-docks, in addition to coal-loading cranes and coal weighing scales, and engine works for the construction and repair of vessels. The coal depúts will be erected at Okubo and on the reclaimed land, where covered sheds will be erected for special qualities of coal. Two slips, will be constructed to the east of Yamagahana, one large enough to accommodate a steamer of 1,500 tons and the other for smaller steamers. The engine works will be constructed near the slips. " wo extensive dry-docks will be built, French engineers are expected to arrive shortly, and the plan may be amended upon their arrival. The letter adds that if the charter is granted to the proposed works, it will be necessary for the company to purchase small shipbuilding yards at present dotting the seafrint between Tanoura and Okubo, and it will also be necessary for the company to have a definite understanding with the Moji Municipality on the question of the compensation payable by the company for the use of the whole sea-front of the eastern part of Meji. It is believed, however, that an understanding has been come to between the Municipality and the commany to exempt the latter from the imposition of a special municipal tix. The proposed works, when completed, will prove a heavy blow to coal lighters in the harbour and the accommodation made by the Kyushu Railway at Wakamatsu and Tobata dor loading coal, and strong competition may ensue between them and the new company. 'It is stated that a Franco-Belgian synd cate has agreed to supply the whole of the money necessary for

CHINESE PASSENGER TRADE. LARGER SHARE OF ORIENTAL TRAFFIC

WANTED BY AMERICAN COMPANIES.

carrying out the works.

Port Townsend, 4th August. For the purpose of furnishing, President Roosevelt information of immigration arrange ments that are said to favour Canadian transportation companies with Oriental business, special agents of the government and personal representatives of the president are making an exhaustive investigation of Pacific coast operations. The scope of the inquiry is not wholly divulged, but sufficient information has been furnished to indicate that recommendations for changes in the department's system now employed will have careful attention. The closing of the border ports of entry is one of the

The work is directed by Marcus Braun, now will carry out exercises at Weihaiwei until the at San Francisco, but who spent nearly a month on Puget Sound recently with officers and interested persons of this district. Mr. Braun is connected with the department of commerce and labour as the special representative of President Roosevelt, covering questions of immigration. While in this district he went over local conditions closely with Pugel sound officials.

Charges are made by the representatives, of American transportation companies that under the present system of operation the Canadian Pacific railway is able to maintain a corner on Oriental passenger business to an extent that it secures a majority of all the trade between points in the United States and China. The It is stated that the Inpan-China Steamship alleged unfairness is traced by transportation men to the existence of four points on the Canadian border through which Chinese may pass to and from American cities without other delay than the formality of presenting a cer tificate for admission that has been furnished them by government agents at Victoria or Vancouver, upon arriving from abroad. There certificates are presentable at any American city containing a Chinese exclusion law in-

> Salient features of the mass of testimony that is more lenient than that of American ports. This, it is claimed, adds to inducements for obtaining business considered due American lines. With the permission furnished for passing aliens at American points the Canadian road is given the profits on the haul across the fresh; fair, squally. continent as well as the steamships business. Immigration officials admit that for reasons that need no explanation from them the and Lamocks, same as No. 7. Canadian Pacific road is carrying practically al

the Orient. It is further admitted that the Chinese of New York, Boston, Chicago, and in fact all the Eastern cities, have, during the past several years, grown to consider the The Asaki publishes a Moji letter to the Canadian Pacific road and its steamship effect that early this year it was decided to facilities as practically the only line in operation to the Orient. capital of Y702,000, and a company has been

The border stations are located at Sumas, Wash, Portal, N. D., Malone, N. Y., and Rochford, Vt. The geographical location of these parts cover well connections with American lines that permit competition for American patronage without necessitating any extended haul by other than the Canadian route-rail and water. The arrangement permitting the establishment of entry stations, with the exception of that at Sumas, Wash., was entered into July 7, 1903. Provision for so permitting it was found in the Chinese exclusion law, which specified certain American ports from which Chinese might enter and leave the country, under proper regulations, and also provided for the creation of such other ports as might be deemed best by the officers enforcing the law from Washington. The agreement by Commissioner Sargent was approved by Socretary of the Treasury Cortelyou, at that time secretary of the newly organized department of commerce and labour.

From official sources it is learned that so great has been the increase of business furnished the Canadian road, with equal reductions with that given American lines, that scarcely to per cent, of the patronage originating within the United States, between this country and China direct, is furnished American roads. The comparison obtains equally true with the rail traffic as with the steamship business.

Prominent among the features that give preference to travel through British Columbia ports are the regulations for entry and departure there. American inspectors are stationed at Victoria and Vancouver. These inspect the Chinese arriving from the Orient, and with their passing favourable inspection, furnish a certificate permitting their entry into America without other formality. The city where they may pass the border may be of their individual selection. Should the case be unfavourably acted upon the Chinese has six months' time under Canadian law in which he may remain in the landing province, during which period he may perfect his right to enter or become cuted of some disease that has prevented his entrance at the time of debarkation. The time allowance is one of the most favourable circumstances, for few cases only reach the inspectors that cannot be corrected within the

The inspector of Chinese applying for admission at American ports has no such privilege as is permitted by the United States inspector over the border, To protect their interests, also, lines operating between American ports and China direct require the posting of a forfeit to reimburse them in the event that they are required to carry the passenger on the return to China. The feature of a deposit for such protection to the steamship companies has considerable weight in helping divert Chinese passenger business from American to Canadian steamers.

The matter of limiting the scope of Canadian handling of American Oriental passenger business by closing the border ports of entry has been presented Washington authorities in the past. Chief inspectors at Montreal and Vancouver have furnished recommendations of ing the point, recommendations that were of sufficient weight with the chief executive to be given mention in his last message to congress. It is asserted that one obstacle in the way o attempting revision of prevailing regulations it the unpopularity that might attach itself to the advocacy of a crusade that would have for successful outcome nothing for favour beyond aid for railroads or American steamship lines, or those systems that operate Pacific steamers calling at American ports.

THE U.S. ATLANTIC SOUADRON

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS DISPATCH.

A Washington message to the Mainichi. states that President-Roosevelt, Mr. Newbury, Acting U.S. Secretary for the Navy, and Admiral Evans have held a conference at Oysler Bay on the question of the proposed dispatch of the Atlantic squadron to the Pacific. It is believed that the squadron will leave the Atlantic in November next, proceeding via Magellan Straits.

A later message states that in U.S. naval circles it is considered that the presence of the Japanese squadrons in South China waters forms a counter-action against the dispatch of the US. Atlantic squadron to the Pacific as agreed by the conference of Oyster Bay.

The same message adds that as at present arranged the U.S. Atlantic squadron will start on a cruise before December next to various parts of the world. The squadron will first proceed to Hawaii vid Magellan Straits, and call at the Philippines, and return to the Atlantic vid Suez in August next year.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg. Director of the Hongkong Observatory:-On the 6th at 11.55 a.—The baro neter has

fallen considerably over the Loochoos, and risen slightly in the Philippines. The typhoon is now situated to the South of

northwards. North of the Yangtze; and over N.E. Japan. Strong N. winds are expected to prevail in

the Formosa Channel, and fresh N. to W. winds over the N. part of the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

1.-Hongkong and neighbourhood, N. winds,

2.--Formosa Channel, N. winds, strong. 3.-South coast of China between Hongkong 4.—South coast of China between Hongkops of the Chinese passenger business to and from I and Heisan, N.W. winds, moderate.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL. -MENU.

SATURDAY, September 7th, 1907.

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Fish. Boiled Fish and Parsley Sauce.

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SWEETS.

Caramel Pudding. Strawberry Ice Cream and Finger Cakes. Tipsy Cake. Welsh Rabbit.

DESSERT.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPART-

T is hereby notified that information has been received from the Military Authorities that FIELD FIRING will be carried out daily from MONDAY, the 9th instant, until FRIDAY, the 13th instant, inclusive, commencing at 7.30 A.M., and finishing at noon, from the South-West slope of Victoria Feak below Mountain Lodge in a Westerly direction towards the East slope of High West. F. H. MAY,

Colonial Secretary. Hongkong, 2nd September, 1907. FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA. THE Steamship

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ORUNING OF MANCHURIA:

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN MANCHURIA

Mr. Ozaki, Japaneso Vice-Consul General at Shanghai, has received the following tele-

Port Arthur, and September. Yesterday, September 1st, being the anniversary of the founding of the Kwangtung Government and the general opening of Manchuria to foreign trade, was grandly celebrated as Administration Day here, foreigners and Chinese participating. In proposing the teast, the Governor-General in charge said the day was a memorable one, and was of international and not merely national interest. He championed zealously the principle of the open door and equal opportunites for all nationalities and pledged its realisation."

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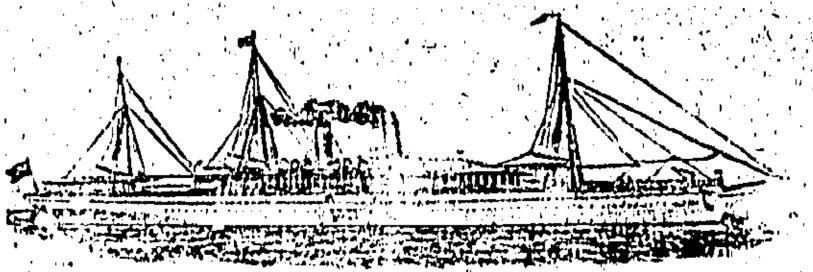
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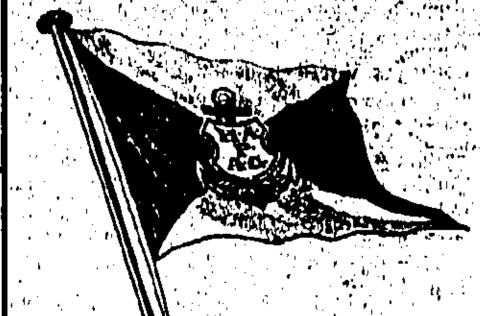
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Leg-Yeung Pei Shoulder-Yeung Shau, Brains-Chi Know.....per set

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POULTRY. Capons, Large, Small-Sin Kai...... Ducks-Ap Doves-Pan Kaueach Eggs, Hen-Kai Tan.....per doz. " Hainan-Hoi Nam Kai Geese-Ngo

Geese, Wild Shanghai-Sheung Hoi Ye Ngo pair \$ Musk Deer-Wong Kengeach Hare—Tu Chai Partridge-Che Khoo Pheasant-Shan Kai,....pair Pigeons, Canton-Pak Kup each Hoihow-Hoihow Pak Kup "

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Bream-Bin Yu.... Canton Fresh Water Fish-Hoi Sin Yu, Carp-Li Yu Catfish-Chik Yu Codfish-Mun Yu..... Crabs-Hai Cuttle Fish-Muk Yu Dab-Sa Mang Yu Dace-Wong Mei Lun Dog Fish-Tit Tu Sa Rels, Congor-Hai Man Yu " Fresh water-Tam Sui Yu ". Yellow-Wong Sin..... Frogs-Tien Kai Garoupa-Sek Pan Gudgeon-Pak Kup Yu Herrings-Tso Pak Halibut-Cheung Kwan Yu Labrus-Wong Fa Yu. Loach-Wu Yu.... Lobsters-Lung Ha Mackerel---Chi Yu Monk Fish-Mon Yu Mullet-Chai Yu Oysters-Sang Hoo Parrotfish-Kai Kung-Yu Perch-Tau Loo Pike-Fa Paw Poong Plaice-Pan Yu... Pomfret, Black-Hak Chong......

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" (Canton), Cooking-Sa Li (Shanghai)-Sheung-Hoi-Li ... 9 Peanuts,—Fa Sang Persimmons, Large, -Hung Chie Pine-apples, 1st quality-Sheung Poon Ti Paw-laweach

and cooking—Chung-tang Paw-law Plums, Swatow-Hung Lai Pumelo, Siam-Chim Lo Yaueach Walnuts, Hop Ton Green-Sang Hop Tou Shanghai Lo Kwat

VEGETABLES: &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai,—Sheung Hoi Ali Chi Chauk Beans, (French) Macao-Oh Moon Pin' Tau, ...,

Beans, (French), Shanghai - Sheung Hoi Pin Tau Benns, Sprout-Ah Chol...,.... Beans, Long-Tau Kok Beet Root-Bung Choi Tau,,..., each Brinjals, Green-Cheng Yuen Ker Brinjals; Red-Hung Ker Brassica-Pak Choi.... Bamboo Shoots-Chook Shun Cabbage, Chinese, com.-Kai Choy..... Cabbage Root-Kai Lan Taueach Cabbage, (Shanghai)-Yeh Choi Cane Shoots, bunch-Kau Shun Cauliflower, Large size-Tai Yeh Choi

Fseach Cauliflower, Medium size-Cheung Yah Cauliflower, Small size-Sai Yeh Cholifa Carrots-Kam Shun Celery, Chinese - Tong Kan Choy Celery, English-Yeung Kan Choi..... Celery, White-Pak Yeung Kan Choing

Chillies, Dried-Con Lat Chiu Red-Hung Fa .. Green-Cheng Lat Chiu Curry Stuff, English-Ka Lee Choi Liui Cucumbers-Cheng Kwa Bitter Squash-Fu Kwa Garlic-Suen Tau Ginger, young-Sun Tsz Keung old-Lo Keung: Horse Radish; Shanghai-Lik Kan ... thui: 30 Indian Com-Suk Mai Lettuce-Yeung Sang Choieach

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Septi - Hongay 3rd Sept., Coal. - J., M. & Progress, Nor. s.s., 1,641, Thos. Schlewig, 6th Sept .- Sandakan 31st Aug., Timber .-

Wallem & Co. Taikosan Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,905, I. Furuki, 6th Sept .- Rutchinotzu ist Sept , Coals.-M.

Yochow, Br. s.s., 1,3 6, J. H. Brown, 6th Sept.,-Canton 5th Sept., Gen.-B. & S. Taishun, Ch s.s., 1,2'6, R. Stephen, 6th Sept., -Canton 4th Sept., Gen.-C. M. S. N. Co. Store N. rd. ske, Dan, cable s.s., 576, H. C. A. Patersen, 6th Sept.,- Shanghai 3rd Aug.,

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Clearances at the Harbour.

Frithjof, for Swatow, Proteus, for Swatow. Marmera, for Sin apore. Haimun, for Swatow. Yoch w, for Shanghai. Wyneric, for Calcutta. Tamba Maru, for Kube.

Jacob Diederichsen, for Kwong-chow-wan.

Departure.

Delta, for Shanghai. Foothing, for Foothow. Habsburg, for Singapore. Tango Maru, for Seattle. Frithirf for Coast Ports. Amoy, for Quinhon? Chipshing, for Canton. Yatshing, for Canton. Rumano Marsa for Australian Ports. Tamba Maru, for Japan. Yuens ing, for Manila. Wyneric, for Calcutta, Gregory Apcar, for Japan. .Halmun, for Coast Ports.

Passengers arrived

Per Marmora, from Shanghai for Hongkong -Miss J Stewart, Mr. N. M. Sonjee and native servant, Mr. and Mrs. Sommers, child, infant and amah. Messrs C. E. Ness, Wedehouse and H. Alcock. For Singap re-Messrs. G. E Goode, T. B Neill and native vervant, and J Snodgrass. For Marsilles-Mr. C. Moss. From Kobe for Bombay- Mr. and Mrs. Mark-From Yokohama for Singapore -- Mr. and Mrs. Mucdonald, Miss Macdonald, and Mr. Keir Hardie, M P. For Brindisi via India -Miss E. Berne, and Mr. G. Ingram. For Marseilles-Mrs. Abboff and child, Misses K. and D. Cutler.

Passengers departed.

Per Tungo Maru, for Centile, &c .- ir Francis Piggott, Sie Henry Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Kum Fook and maid servant, Mr. John Souza, Mr. and Mrs. Stubbings, 2 infants and amah, Messes Tam Tan Leong, Kum Po Fun. G. J. Harman, Dr. D. W. Ain lie, J. Witchell, Jas, W. White, Mr. and Mr. S. Ste'n and child Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Silv , Masters Silva (), Messrs. C. Van den Heuval, D. Van Houval, K. Schadeelee, Ch. Van Corsches, C. Kaizer and P. Kenniphans.

Shipping Reports

Sir. Satsuma, from Keelung :- Strong N.E. breeze and low glass.

Str. Fau Sang, from Hongay :- Moderate to Fresh N.E.ly winds, squally, and moderate N.E.ly sea.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMBRA.

Aldenham, Br. s.s., 4,000, St. John George, 3rd Sept.,-Melbourne 26th July, Sydney 10th Aug., Brisbane 13th, Townsville 15th, Cairns 16th, Port Darwin 22nd, and Manila rat Sept., Gen.-G, L. & Co. Amigo, Ger. s.s., 822, N. J. Baltzer, 3rd Rept.,

-Haiphong 28th Aug, and Hothow 1st Sept., Gen.-J. & Co. Ascot, Br. s.s., 2,786, J. B. Booth, 25th Aug, -Kutchinotzu with Aug., Ballast.-D. &

China, Ami s.s., 3,186, J. F. Robinson, 28th Aug. - San Francisco 1st Aug. and Shanghai 25th, Mails and Gen .-- P. M. S.

Choysang, Br. s.s., 1,424, S.-E. Sandback, 5th Sept.,-Canton 4th Sept., Gen.-J., M &

Courtfield, Br. ss., 2,87 ; J. Wiseman, 2 Sept.,-Kuchinotzu 28th Aug., Coal.-M. Fmpress of China, Br. s.s., 3,046, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 25th Aug.,-Vancouver, B.C., 6th

Aug, and Shanghai 22nd, Mails and Gen. Fukura Maru, Jap. 8 s., 1,947, 11, Sakamoto, 3rd Sept.,-Moji 29th ug., Coal.-M. B.

Germania, Ger. s.s.; 1,000, H. Flügel, 28th Aug .- Sydney viv Ports : th July, Copra and Shells .-- S. & Co. Ischia, Ital. a.s., 1,182, D. Francesco 4th Sept,

-Singapore 29th Aug., Gen.-C. & Co. Jacob Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 623, A. Ulderep, 4th Sept.,-Beran River 29th Aug., Ballast. —J. & Co. Japan, Br. s.s.; 3,8 6, J. G. Olifent, 5th Sept ,-

Moji 1st Sept., Gen.-D. S. & Co., Ld. Joshin Maru, Jap 8 s., 7 22, H. S. Smith, 5th Sept.,-Tamsui 1st Pent., Gen.-O. S. K. Kield, Nor. s s , Hellsoe, 16th Aug., -Moji 9th Aug., Coal.-Order.

Kumsang, Br. s.s., 2,078, E. J. Buller, 26th Aug.--Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 20th Aug., Gen.-J., M. & Co.

Lauschan, Ger. s.s., 2,7:6, P. Sperling, 3rd Sept.,-Salgon 29th Aug., Rice - J. & Co. Manchuria, Am. s.s., 8,750, J. W. Saunders, 4th Sept, -San Francisco 8th Aug., Honolulu 15th; Yokohama 27th, and Shanghai and Sept., Mails, and Gen,-P. M. S. S.

Marmora, Br. s.s., 5,239, G. H. C Weston, RNR, 5th Sept ,- Shanghal 3rd Sept., Mails and Gen. P. & O. S. N. Co. Nord, Nor. s.s., 750, G. Haraldsen, 28th Aug.,-Salgon 24th Aug, Rice and Paddy.-

Wallem & Co. Orland, Nor. s.s., 917, T. A. Lie, 31st Aug.,-Moli 25th Aug., Coal.-Wallem & Co. Palembang, Dut. s.s., 1,119, N. Dalmeyer, 4th Sept .- Canton 4th Sept., Ballast .-

Pers, Br. ss., 4,9 6, W. W. Cooke, RNR., 4th Sept.,—Antwerp 2'th July, and Singapore 30th Aug., Gen .-- P. & O. S. N. Co.

Phranang, Ger. s.s., 1,021, F. Buck ng. 3rd Sept.,-Bangkok and Swatow 24th Aug., Rice and Timber.—B. & S. Phuyan, Fr. s.s., 1,299, Boulston, 3rd Sept.,-

Saigon 30th Aug., Rice.-B. & Co. Powhatan, Br. s.s., 1,65 , W. F. Turner, 3rd Sept.,-Salina Cruz (Mexico) 15th July, Ballast .- D. & Co., Ld Protous, Nor. 8.5, 1,024, Y. C. Kolderup, 2nd

Sept.-Banglok 21th Aug, Nice.-Angaard, Thoresen & Co. Rajaburi, Ger. s.s., 1, 80, O. Koch, 4th Sept . -Bangkok and Konsichang 28th Aug., Gen. -B. & S.

Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,525, R. W. Almond, and Sept., -Manila aret Aug., Gen.-S., T. & Co. Samsen, Ger, s.s., 198, E. Schmitz, 18! Sent -Bangkok 23 d Aug, Rice, Meal, and

Wood,-B. & S. andon Hall, Itr. s.s., 3.263, J. M. Main, 24th Aug.,-New York 25th June, Case Oil,-S. O. Co. iam, Br. s.s., 9 3, C. Sangstei, 5th Sept.,— Shanghai and Sep., Ballast.-Mr. Geo.

McBain. Solsind, Nor. a.s., 807, N. Bjornsgaard, 76th Aug.,-Canton 28th Aug., Gen.-Augaard, Thoresen & Co. Soshu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,119, Y. Yamamoto,

4th Sept. - Shadghai . 20th Aug., Gen. - O. Suisang, Br. s.s., 1,785. W. D. Welsh, 4th Sept.,-Saigon 1st Sept., Gen.-J., M. &

Taishan, Br. s.s., 1,214, J. T. Laing, and Sept. -Baigon 20th Aug., Rice.-B. & Co. Tartar, Br. s.s., 2,767, H. Davison, R.N.R., 21nd

Aug.,-Vancouver 25th July, and Shanghai 19th Aug., Gen.-C. P. R. Co. Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,140, J. Williamson, 20th Aug .- Saigon 24th Aug., Rice and Rice-

flour.-Wo Fat Seng. Titan, Br. s.s., 5,720, R. Day, 4th Fept.,-Manila 1st Sept., Gen.-B. & S. Tsinan, Br. s.s., a,300, C. Lindbergh, 4tl Sept.,-Kobe 29th Aug., Gen.-B. & S. Tsintau, Ger. s.s., 1,002, H. Bremer, 25th Aug.,-Singap re via Bangkok and Koh-

sichang 18th Aug., Rice. - M. & Co. White Cross, Br. s. c., 1,944, Uwine, 28th Aug., - Cardiff 10th July, Coal.-Order. Wingsang, Br. s.s., 1,517, H. J. Walker, 4th Sept.,-Karatsu 28th Aug., Coal.-J., M. &

Zafiro, Br. s.s., r.619, A. Fraser, 26th Aug.,-Manila 23rd Aug., Hemp, Sugar and Gen. —S., T. & Co.

SAILING VERHELB King George, Br. ship, 2,757, J. C White, 21st July,-Swatow 5th July, Ballast .- S. Lyndhurst, Br. 4-masted ship, 2,50% Parnell 26th July,-Kobe ist June, Ballast.-S. O.

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A Mail will close for :--Manila-Per Zafiro, 7th Sept., 10 A.M. Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu

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> Red. Signals indicate that the centre ! believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

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Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shippi g leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon,

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office :--

THREE EXPLOSIVE DOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S: Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

111. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night,

These Night Signals will be substituted the. the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night,

EUPPLEMENTÁRY WARNINGS,

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time. that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour,

> Gup Rock. Waglan, Stanley, Cape Collinson,

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This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Ses, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour,

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal, from the light-

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26th July, 2907.

Passmore, Mrs. W. C. Meteorological signals are hoisted on the Cuaningham. A. Donaldson, Miss C. R. Pencock, Miss Annie mast in front of the Water Police Station a. The Ships Passed Canal. Donnell, Sirs. O. C. Perman, H. Tsim 8hu Tsui for the information of masters Engelh rt. M. Siebert, Dr. of vessels leaving the port. They do not-Orki, Liberia. 6th August-Benvenne, Prins Chinchen, S. I. Feist, M. Silverstone: Mr. & Mri. necessarily imply that bad weatherlis expected Heinrich, Braemar, Manila, Oceanien, Hyson, Cibot, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gall n. W. Rhenania, oth August-Myrmidon, Pera, Clark, R. H. Gato, T. Silverstone, Arthur H. here.:— Australien; Menelaus, St. Domingo, Tamba Coates, Mr. and Mrs. Gee, A. H. Silverstone, M. I., Maru. oth August-Persia. 13th August- Colvin, H. E. Silverstone, M. S. Gillan, E. C. Frankby, Indrasamha, Osnfa, Christiania, Cra'ckshank, J. . Smith, Mrs. A. G. Harman, Mr. and M. 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•	LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS. Angle French Land Investment Co., Ld. Aster House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	75,000	1 - 1 - 1	Tis, 100 \$25	Tis, 15,000	Tls. 3,388	Tls. 6 for 14) months ending 28,2.07	6 %	Tis. 103	
	Hongkeng Hotel Company, Limited	50,123 2,000	\$25 \$15 \$50	\$15	130,000 11,000 1644,974 26,076	10 908	121 for year ending 30.6.67	12 %	\$23 \$14\frac{1}{2} \$100 buyers	
	Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld Humphreys Estate & Firance Company, Limited	10,000 10,000	\$100	\$100 \$10	26,075 } 250,000 208,386 } { \$50,000 }	\$56,218 \$11,567	Interim of \$31 for half year ending 30,6.07, 80 cents for 1906	77 %	198 sellers 310) sa. and b.	
••	Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000 j	\$50 Tis to	\$30 "1*. 50	none [Tis, 869,493]	1,089	Interim of Tis. 3 for account 1907	7 %	Tis. 102 sellers	
, .	West Point Building Company, Limited	17,500	f 50	\$50	1 ls, 170,000 }	\$1,519	Interim of \$2 for half year ending June 30th		548	
	Company Daniel Company	1751000	\$10	\$10	Tis, 150,000 } Tis, 45,939 } \$110,000	15 64,9864 121,660	Fig. to for year ended 31.10.19.6	,	Tis. 65 buyers	
•	International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld Lanu-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld. Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Lanited	7,000 T	Tis. 100'	[15, 75 [15, 100 [15, 500	7 ls. 150,000	I 's. 36,211 'E. 31,469	Tis. 6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8 %)	84 X	Tis. 52 Tis. 90 sellers	
	MISCELL NE US. Bell's Asheston Eastern Agency, Limited	ξ,604	11s. 500 T	12/5	115. 25,257	5. 50,663	Tis. 50 for 1936	164 %	l'is. 300 sellers	
	Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200 10,000	12/6 \$10 \$12 [15, 50	\$10 \$12	(1,299 (1,,000 (0)(6) (5, 50,000	£638 : 653 Nil. - 150	1/3 per share for 19.6	***	\$20 sellers \$4 sales	
	China Light and Power Company, Limited	0,000	\$1 } \$1 }	\$16} \$1}	1115.com	15, 889 125,000 1855	Final of Tls. 5 making Tls. 10 for 1905 60 cents for year ended 18.2.06	•••	.6 sa. and b.	
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5.1	Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	11,000 60,000 5,000	\$20	\$10 \$10	\$186,000 none	15,001	\$24 for year ending 28.1.17	111 % 71 %	5:0 sellers \$14 sales	
	Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, I.d	50,000	03, 100	\$10 001	105,000 165,000 11s, 547,500}	4,3(-) 4,212 1 is 10,374	Interim of \$4 for year ending June 30th '07 Interim of 80 cents per shure for a C 1907 Second interim div. of Tis. 71 for a/c 1907.		\$240 \$25 buyers Tis. 325 buyers	
	Peak Trainways Company, Limited Peak Trainways Company (new) Philippine Company, Limited	25,000 50,000 07,500	\$10 10 \$10	\$10 {\\$ \$1	Tis, 27,603 } none	\$ 2,655	\$1 pe sh. orperiod fr m 19th Oct. to 30th Apr. '07	81 %	\$\$1.2 \$51.65 \$5 buyers	
	Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ld.	24,000 T	Tis. 50 T	Fls. 50 Fls.,50	Tis. 100,co	Tls. 7,990	Interim of Tis. 31 for account 1907	1 . I	Tis. 30 buyers	
	Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited	1,500	TIS: 100 T	[]s, 100]s, 20 {	TIS, 45,000 } TIS, 8,000 } TIS, 24,820 }	Tis. 9,751	Final of The 5 and The 10 for 126	14 X	Tis. 70 sellers	
	Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	8,175 7,200 6,000	£20 £20	£20} £15} \$25		1 le. 85,592	Final of Tia. 6 making Tis. 10 for 1906 Interim of 15/- for account 1907	81 %	Tls. 21 buyers Tls. 310 buyers Tls. 280 buyers	
, •	Steam liaundry Company, Limited	;,000 ;000	\$25 \$ 5 \$, 100	100	uone uone is, 15,295 Tis. 4,000	11. \$41,934 1211 15. 701	None	41 %	122 \$61 Tis 97	
	United Ashesios Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10 \$10	\$10 \$4	000 c	1,365	18 scents on 9,900 ord, shares and t 8 on	8 %	\$1.2 \$10	
	Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	5,000	:10	\$10	1304,000 125,000 14,500	15,481 1182	Final of 40 cents per share making 80; [cents for year ending 31,12,07,	71 % 10 %	111 sellers \$8	
						1104	{ year ended 30th June, 1700 ·			
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